

Churchill's vision

of Europe by Sir Edward Heath



Suzanne Moore Watching Daddy Paddy with the Lib-Dems



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## Dozens = 6 killed, hundreds shot, as Middle East hopes are buried in the battle f .Joseph's Tomb

Death on the streets: Palestinians carry away one of the nine wounded by Israelis in violent clashes in Bethlehem Photograph: Rula Halawani/Reuters

Eric Silver in Jerusalem

Gun battles between Israeli units were ignoring orders to cease fire, broadcast throughout

home after cutting short an of--Itogether the bloodiest day chpresident Bill Clinton ofquad last night to intervene peronally to bring a halt to the dence, sparked by Israel's trance to an ancient tunnel near the holy sites in the old city of Jerusalem. Efforts were being emergency summit between the Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, and the

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. After two days of bloodshed, power in June. it looked extremely difficult to salvage the peace process, however much both sides may want to. The feeling was growing that both Arafat and Netanyahu Israeli counterparts. had lost control of the situation. Senior Palestinian officials ad-

the evening in Mr Arafat's name. Co-operation between the security services was a cornerstone of the Oslo peace agreements. What chances of such co-operation being restored after they have been killing and maiming each other? Earlier Mr Netanyahu flew

ficial visit to Germany. He spoke to Mr Arafat, by telephone from his plane. Mr Netanyahu asked for an urgent meeting, but Mr Arafat declined to give him an immediate answer. Netanyahu told Arafat it was important the two "look one another in the eye so that each knows what the others' intentions are," said one Israeli official. Arafat reportedly replied that he saw no point in meeting unless Israel came up with proposals for implementing the peace agreements, which have been marking time since Mr Netanyahu came to

Both the Prime Minister and his Defence Minister, Yitzhak Mordechai, had spoken earlier to Mr Arafat, urging him to stop Palestinian police firing on their

A senior Arafat aide put the blame on Israel, saying the vi-

olence was triggered by Israeli troops using live bullets. They are killing the peace process," the Palestinian Cabinet secretary, Ahmed Abdel Rahman, said. He demanded that Israel close the tunnel and fulfil promises it had made in the

peace agreements. Israeli helicopters and ar-

state of emergency and tried to seal off West Bank towns under Palestinian self-rule. The day's worst violence was reported from two isolated Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip -Netzarim and Kfar Darom and from Nablus.

Exchanges of fire, were also reported from Ramallah, where

#### Inside

Violence born of Bibi's tunnel vision. Comrades fun their guns off each other. US urges two sides to stop the killing.

deployed last night to evacuate about 40 soldiers and settlers besieged in Joseph's Tomb, a mil-itant Jewish religious enclave in the autonomous West Bank town of Nablus. The shrine was reported to be burning. Two Israeli soldiers were shot dead. Palestinian rioters set

fire to three Israeli army jeeps trying to evacuate the site. An official at Palestinian headquarters in Nablus said they had imposed a curfew in an effort to get the Israelis out peacefully. The Israeli army declared a

moured personnel carriers were seven Palestinians were shot

Page 12 dead on Wednesday, and in

> Jerusalem. Hundreds of slogan-shouting Palestinians marched on the two Gaza settlements shortly after dawn. The soldiers and paramilitary border police guarding them came under a barrage of stones and bottles. The mobs then turned its wrath on civilian settlers over their perime-

Bethlehem, Hebron and East

ter fences. According to Israeli reports, the soldiers at first responded with teargas and rubber bullets,

then fired warning shots in the air with live ammunition. Palestinian policemen fired back and the confrontations deteriorated into gun battles between the two uniformed forces, which are supposed to co-operate in the enforcement of the interim peace agreements. Many of the soldiers and police shooting at each other would have been engaged in joint patrols up to two

ays ago, In Kfar Darom, Michal Sheinbaum, who was sheltering with her children while her husband joined the fighting outside, told Israel Radio: "The shooting got worse and worse. The Arabs were standing by the gates. We're here by a miracle. All we can do is pray to God. Whatever will be, will be." Last night President Clinton

appealed to "both sides to end this violence". Asked if Israelis should reseal the tunnel whose opening sparked the violence, Mr Clinton came close to a direct criticism of Israel's actions. "They need to discuss" these matters between them," he said, "and they need to ask themselves what can we do to avoid unnecessarily provoca-

Israeli analysts are worried that the armed intervention of the Palestinian police will play good will."

into the hands of Israeli hardline opponents of the Oslo agreements, especially those campaigning against the rede-ployment of Israeli troops from Hebron, the last West Bank town still under occupation.

Mr Netanyahu's decision to open the Jerusalem tunnel, despite the reservations of his security advisers, is coming under increasing criticism in the Israeli media. Some commentators are asking whether he can get back into negotiations without closing the tunnel, however much prestige that would cost

David Grossman, the novelist and writer on Arab affairs, said yesterday: "The situation is extremely fragile and dependent very much on the good will and intelligence of both sides. It appears that our side is demonstrating neither good will nor

much intelligence. "If you try to build a partnership with someone, even if he is your enemy, you cannot knock him down. The steps taken by the Israeli Government are not directed at building a peace of equality and mutuality, but rather at freezing the Palestinians into a situation in which they are subordinate to us and dependent on our





broadcast clash with Kenneth Clarke embarrassed John Birt. He apologised, Tories celebrated and Labour howled foul.



Temporising leaders have never found Barbara Castle a comfortable colleague. Now she's turning her steely gaze on young Tony Blair. Page 2



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## Liberal elitist confesses cowardice

**ANTHONY BEVINS** Political Editor

Baroness Warnock, a pillar of the liberal and educational establishments, today confesses to being a coward in the face of political correctness over the conversion of polytechnics into universities.

troops and Palestinian police-

men, settlers and civilians,

spread like a forest fire across

the West Bank and Gaza Strip

yesterday bringing the Middle

East peace process to the brink

By nightfall at least 24 Pales-

tinians and 11 Israelis were

dead. More than 250 Palestini-

ans and 43 Israelis were treat-

ed for bullet wounds -

Tice the peace process began 1993. "It's a picture of war,"

coael's armed forces radio said.

decision to open a new en-

made last night to arrange an

mitted that some of their police

Writing in this week's edition of the Times Higher Education Supplement, she says: To con-demn comprehensive schools on purely academic grounds seems elitist, and no accusation is more damning. Both left and right, for different reasons, are compelled to avoid such a charge, for the penalty of elit-I'm is that all one's arguments "Ce automatically disregarded." Shut the former Mistress of th ics the frank admission:

"It was fear of the charge of elitism that led many members of the House of Lords, including myself to sit by in cowardly silence when the title of university was bestowed on all the

polytechnics, indiscriminately. Lady Warnock, who chaired official inquiries into special education, and human embryology, makes her confession in a review of the book We Should Know Better: Solving the Edu-cation Crisis, by the Conservative MP George Walden,.
"It was the elitist charge," she

says in a direct reference to the book, "compounded by that of bypocrisy, that was the undoing of Harriet Harman, whose case Walden calls 'Labour's Dreyfus Case', transcending as it did, the individual, and taking on a symbolic role within the party." The thesis of Mr Walden's book



is that the co-existence of the private and state school systems needs to be tackled if overall education is to be improved. Provocatively, Lady Warnock

-a former headmistress of Oxford High School - says: "For one thing, consciousness of belonging to the inferior part infects teachers in maintained schools, however much they prefer, on missionary or political grounds, to teach there. Hence they allow them-

selves to be represented, as many as 200,000 of them, by the National Union of Teachers, a union that is of the old-fashioned militant left, deeply antiacademic, seen by the outside world, indeed, as deeply stupid. Public and parliamentary respect for teachers as a profession is therefore non-existent." Arguing that the use of mar-

improving schools, Lady War-

nock says: "Any method of im-

teachers or pious hope, will inevitably be expensive. "Yet it has to be faced that unless this money is spent, Britain will fall further and further behind, until it reaches the lowly status of an underdeveloped country." She adds that the word, "developing" would.

be too optimistic a term to use in that context. Aligning herself with Mr Walden, she says that the greatest hope for an improvement in education standards lies in se-Mr Walden, she says, speaks

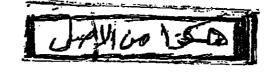
of the "nightmare of the right", of A-level standards eroding and degree courses becoming no ket forces had not succeeded in better than extended sixth-form sessions. "I can assure him," she adds, "that here and there, but proving education, once one has passed beyond routine abuse of

Palme death claim An assassin said South African intelligence services were responsible for the death of Olof Palme, the Swedish prime min-ister shot dead in 1986. Page 11

Adams raises storm Gerry Adams prompted con-troversy when questioned about this week's swoop on an IRA explosives cache, insisting he was simply "very pleased that only one person was killed". Page 2

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# Unions fight Blair over pensions

and JOHN RENTOUL

Tony Blair is trying to head off a damaging defeat at next week's Labour Party conference by the pensioners' campaign led by Baroness Castle for a big in-

crease in state pensions. Mr Blair met John Edmonds. leader of the GMB general union, and Roger Lyons, general secretary of the MSF manufacturing union, to urge them to reject the campaign for the earnings link to be restored to pensions, led by the veteran former Cahinet minister and Lord (Jack) Jones.

The party leadership is also concerned that it is facing defeat at the hands of the unions on their demands for the immediate restoration of employment rights if Labour comes to power.

The Labour leadership fears it could be overturned on pensions by Lady Castle, who was responsible for establishing the link between pensions and earnings in the Wilson government. A Shadow Cabinet source said: "Fighting Barbara Castle and

Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela. It's going to be very close." The leadership is also facing defeat in a second vote on

Wednesday over demands to restore protection from day one of employment, as promised by John Smith, the late Labour leader. The unions, who hold 50 per cent of the votes at the conference, are in no mood to do the leadership favours after the rows at the TUC conference earlier this month.

A vigorous fightback against Lady Castle is being mounted by Harriet Harman, Labour's spokesperson on Social Security. She told *The Independent*: There is no pot of gold to pay for pensions. If we were to promise £3.5bn for pensioners, would be a spending commitment which we would have to break, or it would mean putting taxes up."

She is pressing the unions and the constituency parties, who hold the remainder of the votes, to accept the plan for "stake-holder pensions" drawn up by her predecessor, Chris Smith, to provide a valuable top up for the

Ms Harman insists that the Labour pensions plan would target money at the poorest pensioners, while the flat rate uprating plan promoted by Lady Castle would be expensive and less effective.

Labour promised the restoration of the link between earnings and pensions at the 1992 election, funded by abolishing the ceiling on national insurance contributions. That led to the Tory "tax bombshell", which cost Labour the election. The Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is determined not to repeat the mistake.

Lady Castle is a formidable advocate. "She looks frail but when she gets to the microphone, she goes off like a bomb," said another Shadow Cabinet source. "The trade unions don't want to have a big row at the conference. It is Barbara's 'last stand' but we just hope that the unions and the constituencies are getting the message that her scheme is not

Union sources said the union leaders "listened and said they would think about it" but gave Mr Blair no promises.

### significant shorts

#### Sex offenders' escapes spark inquiries

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Internal inquiries have been launched after two sex offenders escaped from community care facilities on the

John Mayes, 45, who escaped from St Margaret's psychiatric hospital in Great Barr, Birmingham, on Wednesday morning after breaking away from a male psychiatric nurse in the hospital grounds was recaptured by police yesterday as he tried to hitch a lift on a motorway. Mayes was placed at the hospital two years ago after conviction of a serious sexual attack on a sevenyear-old boy.

A second paedophile, Steve Daggett, who abscond-ed on Wednesday while on a shopping trip from the top security Ashworth Special Hospital in Maghull, Merseyside, has telephoned staff at the establishment to say that his escape was a planned protest. Daggett, who has three convictions for indecently assaulting young girls in Cumbria in 1984, gave his lone escort the slip during a shopping trip to Liverpool city centre yesterday. He was not considered dangerous by hospital staff, and the trip was part of a rehabilitation programme before his re-

lease to a less secure unit. The hospital has stopped all similar outings pending the outcome of a review of procedures.

#### BSE backlog worsens

The backlog in culling cattle to eliminate BSE from the national herd is worse than expected, the Government admitted yesterday.

But Roger Freeman, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said steps were being taken to prevent a

heavy burden on farmers. A survey showed that the number of cattle awaiting slaughter was "substantially higher" than the figures previously used for calculations, but Mr Freeman declined to give details. "The emergency continues." he said. "It seems to be worse than we had expected. We are quite determined to take the steps necessary to reassure the are not going to be placed under an unacceptable bur-

den over the winter months." Mr Freeman added that he and the other agriculture ministers were determined that the cull would be completed by Christmas. Since May, 550,000 cattle have

### Republicans say police 'shot to kill' in raid

The republican movement in Ircland yesterday refrained from claiming Diarmuid O'Neill, the man killed in the police raid on an IRA house in London earlier this week, as a member of the IRA, referring to him in its weekly

publication, Republican News, simply as "an Irishman". Instead, the newssheet concentrated on alleging that the unarmed O'Neill died in "an elaborate shoot-to-kill operation", and announced

that a protest picket would be held at Downing Street on Sunday. It declared: "The killers riddled their victim with bullets and dragged his body from his home... [then] fed the media the story that the young man had been killed in a gunbante."

In propaganda terms the Republicans are evidently making as much mileage as possible from whether police were justified in shooting O'Neill. David McKittrick

#### Duchess takes book battle to court

The Duchess of York has decided to take her battle to block a book about her private life into an open court hearing, her solicitors announced last night.

Her decision came a day after she learned, following a High Court judge's ruling, that such a hearing will face her with the prospect of a public quizzing over her rela-tionship with her former financial adviser John Bryan.

She must also find £500,000 as security for any damages that might be won by her former friend Dr Allan Starkie and publishers Michael O'Mara Books if the 10-day hearing, starting on 7 October, goes against her.

The news of her decision came as friends said she was determined to "fight on".

#### Alka Seltzer fizz for Asda

Supermarket giant Asda was banned by the High Court yesterday from selling the fa-mous tummy-settler Alka Seltzer at below the price set under the Resale Price Maintenance agreement on overthe-counter medicines.

The product's makers, the German drug company Bayer, were granted a temporary injunction, pending a further hearing in a week's time, after Asda's refusal to increase the price of the larger 30tablet packs by 10 per cent.

Asda reacted immediately by withdrawing the larger packs of Alka Seltzer from sale at its 207 stores. The company's corporate lawyer, Nick Cooper, said: "We do not believe a price increase of five times the rate of inflation can be justified."

Asda launched its campaign last October, cutting the cost of 82 brand vitamins by up to 20 per cent. It was forced to reinstate full prices when manufacturers won a court injunction. In June. Asda slashed the price of Anadin Paracetamol, but was again thwarted by High Court action. Mr Cooper said after vesterday's ruling that a report on RPM by the Office of Fair Trading was expected shortly and might recommend a full court review of price fixing.

#### Teenagers charged with gang rape

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Eight teenagers appeared in court yesterday jointly charged with the gang rape and attempted murder of an Austrian woman tourist.

The youths, aged between 14 and 20, are accused of attacking the mother of two as she spent a weekend in London on a shopping trip. The alleged attack took place on the towpath of the Regents canal in the King's Cross area of London soon after midnight on 21 September.

Appearing at Westminster Youth Court in central London, the teenagers were also charged robbing the victim of £50 cash, her leather jacket and her beit.

#### Drink spiked with ecstasy Detectives are investigating

claims that a 16-year-old girl collapsed and died after her drink was spiked with ecstasy Nichola Scholey, of Bridling-ton, East Yorkshire, made the allegation before collaps-ing last Friday. She died on Monday in Hull Royal Infirmary. Police found evidence that she had taken the drug, but a post mortem examination showed Nichola had contracted meningitis.

## Mawhinney calls for order in Euro row

Chief Political Correspondent

The Tory Party leadership yesterday ordered a clamp down on ministers to avoid further damaging gaffes over Europe wrecking the annual Conservative Party conference.

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party chairman, told a political meeting of the Cabinet yesterday that he had ordered ministers to clear their speeches with him before addressing fringe meetings at the party conference in Bournemouth.

At least three Euro-sceptic Cabinet ministers will be caught by the new ruling. Peter Lilley, Michael Howard and Michael Forsyth are all speaking at right-wing fringe meetings and will have to submit their speeches to the party chairman for approval.

The move follows the attack on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, by the junior foreign office minister. Sir Nicholas Bonsor. It is part of an effort by the party leadership to restore discipline to their long-term general election campaign after a week of public relations dis-

Ministers are under orders

to present a confident message to voters that the Government has a clear policy direction for the millennium and beyond. John Majortold Cabinet colleagues the conference should be forward looking and full of practical and realistic proposals.

Dr Mawhinney claimed the Tories' "New Labour, New Danger campaign unveiled in the summer, powerfully reinforced the voters' belief that Labour would tax more and inflation and mortgages would both rise. Voters also fear the unions would hold the whip hand under a Blair govern-

The Prime Minister has urged ministers to emphasise Tory plans to improve living standards and education, continue the law and order campaign, and the crackdown on social security fraud.

The Prime Minister also confirmed that Government policy on the single currency and Britain's opt-out at Cabinet would not change, inspite of the continued pressure from the Tory Euro-sceptics, but the right wing show no signs of letting up in their campaign to rule out Britain's entry into a single

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## Adams stays in media firing line with verdict on shooting

DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams prompted fresh controversy yesterday as he sidestepped questions about this week's swoop on an IRA explosives cache, insisting he was simply "very pleased that only one person was killed".

Mr Adams pressed ahead with his London visit, despite his decision to pull out of a Commons meeting with Labour backbenchers Jeremy Corbyn and Tony Benn. The Sinn Fein leader did meet the MPs at a venue outside the Commons green in front of Parliament. Mr Adams held a news con-ference in the Irish Centre in Camden, north London, instead. He admitted he had

nearly pulled out of news con-

London because of what hap-pened earlier this week. "I am quite sensitive that, at a time when a young man has been killed in quite controversial circumstances in London, that I

have other priorities," he said. His suggestion that he was "very pleased that only one person was killed" in the secu-rity forces swoop on suspected IRA terrorists earlier this week came in response to a question

about whether he welcomed the seizure of 10 tons of explosives. "I think that in all of this you can look at a particular incident. We need to look at the larger

position," he said, He said he had never met Diarmuid O'Neill - the suspected terrorist who was killed - but reneated his call for questions to be answered about the circum-

Mr Corbyn broke a silence

World at One that he had been surprised at all the fuss over the planned Commons meeting with the Sinn Fein President. Gerry Adams has been into

the building before and, if there's to be a peace process in Ireland, clearly it has got to involve Sinn Fein and Gerry Adams," he said. "Tony Benn and myself expected to have a private meeting in the House of Commons. Somebody decided to make that public.

"It then became a public furore. I thought the meeting should go ahead anyway, but I heard with a phone call at 6.30am from Gerry Adams's ing was not going to take place there because he didn't want to continue with the problems being caused."
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yesterday refrained from claimferences and book-launches in that had lasted several days to-ber of the IRA, referring to him

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Republican News declared:
"The killers riddled their victim

with bullets and dragged his body from his home. When their deed was done they fed the media the story that the young man had been killed in a gunbattle and that shots had been exchanged. "Virtually all the media in Britain and Ircland on Monday

and Tuesday, in the crucial hours after the killing, dutiful-

ly carried this story."

The incident is being compared by republicans to the incident in Gibraltar in 1988 when SAS soldiers shot dead three unarmed IRA members.

## Scots lay claim to tiger economy

into one of the wealthiest was ditched; the Scottish National Party conference was told vesterday.

A new SNP document. The Economic Case for Independence, insisted that Scotland is paying an annual surplus of £400m to the UK. This is a direct contradiction of government figures which currently claim that the Union subsidises Scotland by about £8bn.

John Swinney, the SNP's

treasury spokesman, told the

conference that Scotland, as a

theme that will clearly be reinforced between now and the election campaigns Fergus Ewing, the party's business spokesman, argued that independence "would give us the power to unleash economic potential and transform Scotland from an under-achieving part of the UK into one of Europe's wealthiest and most dynamic tiger economies".

Turning an £8bn subsidy into a £400m surplus has involved the SNP sharply challenging government statistics on everything from North Sea oil revsmall resource-rich country, enue to local business rates, would thrive if independent. Of The largest amount is accountthe 35 richest countries in the ed for by the claim that by reworld, 25 have populations of moving Scotland's share of the

JAMES CUSICK

less than 10 million - and few have Scotland's wealth of resources," he said. And in a Scotlish subsidy could be cut in Scottish subsidy could be cut in half. The Nationalists' document also claims that increasing revenues from North Sea oil will deliver an extra billion a year on top of current estimates. It also claims that since 1979 Scotland under the Union has

lost out on 20 per cent of potential economic growth. However, the descriptions of a tiger economy and the accountancy methods used in the SNP's independence argument were attacked yesterday by the Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown as "a Brigadoon budget" a reference to a mythical kingdom, Mr Brown branded the SNP's sums as "wish-list polities, a list of promises no one

can afford to deliver".

Under Alex Salmond's leadership the SNP has tried to behave like a party seeking to win a post-independence election. Instead of merely estimating Scotland's wealth and laying down the moral and political arguments for independence, Mr Salmond has played the role of would-be prime minister and chancellor. Yesterday's document continued that pattern, saying how an SNP government would spend its wealth.

Mr Brown continued his attack on the SNP's shopping list as "Alex in wonderland". He said: "Under Alex Salmond's independence budget total spend-ing climbed by £5,500 million, an extra spending commitment of £1,000 for every Scot. But without the income to make

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# Rebirth of the cool in swinging Britain

#### Tourists are coming in record numbers to experience a cultural renaissance

Britain has finally rediscovered the stylishness and excitement of the Swinging Sixties, at least according to foreigners: Britpop, high fashion and the period drama revival have hoosted numbers of overseas visitors to

The huzz, exemplified by the current London Fashion Week. is attracting a newer type of visitor, interested not only in Big Ben and Shakespeare country but the club scene, street markets and a cool urban style previously associated with Paris or New York. A total of 23.7 million foreign

tourists spent nearly £12 billion in the UK last year, with Taiwan and the Czech Republic recording the biggest increases in expenditure during their visit.

ika Seltzer

The alternative guide to Britain - hip places for the cool traveller...

in London - Camden market. the King's Road, Docklands (snaps of Canary Wharf tower obligatory), the Oxo tower and Gabriel's Wharf, Butler's Wharf, anywhere elegant

Outside the capital - Manchester and Newcastle (for the clubs); Glasgow (for the Charles Rennie Mackintosh? and new Museum of Modern Art); Brighton; Edinburgh.

Anthony Sell, chief executive of the British Tourist Authori-W (BTA), which revealed the increase in its annual report vesterday, said: "Britain is enioving a cultural renaissance not seen for three decades.

Our appeal has many forms - from Britpop and the club scene to symphony orchestras with world class soloists, or the thrill of following Emma Thompson or Anthony Hopkins on location.

Our cities attract shoppers from all over the world for the latest fashions, from designer labels to street styles. Drawn by such attractions, more visitors are deciding that Britain is the Zachariassen added.

place to come to."

moted a "Style and Design" campaign, particularly directed at the US, Latin America, Mediterranean Europe and South-east Asia market, where there are large numbers of affluent young people and older couples without children.

It also produced a new 66page guide to the trendier Britain, with articles on clubbing, music and surfing, which in Singpore stimulated 600 inquiries within three hours of its launch. And for film fans, a map pinpointing the locations of hits such as Sense and Sensibility. Rob Roy and First Knight, encouraged more visitors to ex-

plore the countryside.

Mr Sell said: "We have strengthened Britain's image as a stylish, contemporary and vibrant destination - now we are starting to see the dividends."

At Butler's Wharf, London, yesterday, where style guru Sir Terence Conran owns a chutch of the capital's most fashionable restaurants, Italians Federica Giuliolo, 19, and Francesca Canaletti, 20, named learning to speak English followed by "the monuments" and "history" as their reasons for coming to

But pressed on what they loved about the city, Ms Giuliolo had no doubts - the style. The music and the people. Fashion. You can do whatever you want and nobody will tell you not to. In Italy, it is completely the opposite," she said. Ms Canaletti elaborated: "In Rome, you can't go out with blue hair in the street."

New Zealanders Helen Zachariassen, and Nick Derecourt, both 23, had strolled on to trendy Butler's Wharf by accident not design, but liked it. "It's lovely, really stylish," Miss Zachariassen said.

They had, of course, been to Buckingham Palace, St Paul's and had "done all the touristy things" since they arrived last week on a working holiday, using Britain as a base. But, Mr Derecourt, said: "When I think of London, I think of the club scene." "And high fashion," Ms

The BTA claimed yester-



Hot spots: Manchester's nightclubs, Charles Rennie Mackintosh museum in Glasgow, Butler's Wharf restaurants and Lime Park in Cheshire, location for Sense and Sensibility

British economy and the vital role of the BTA in generating that income. Mr Sell said its activities generated the equivalent of £27 in return for every £1 of the £35m public money invested. It was not only London that benefited. Although the capital seized 54.3 per cent of the income, the rest of England

per cent and Northern Ireland 0.4 per cent. The 20 per cent rise in revenue boosted Britain's share of world tourism earnings to 5 per cent, compared with a record low of 4.4 per cent two years ago.

The recent success came under the direction of Adele Biss, the chairman whose contract The image has not just come day's figures showed the im- earned 34.9 per cent, with Scot- was not renewed by then Her- don't see any dark clouds on the naturally. The BTA has pro- portance of tourism to the land at 7.3 per cent, Wales 1.7 itage Secretary Virginia Bot- horizon."

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mayed the travel industry. But the 1995 figures were also aided by the IRA ceasefire, currency movements making Britain a cheaper destination,

and good weather. Asked whether the success would continue as these factors changed, Mr Sell said: "We



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## Labour fury after BBC apologises over Anna Ford

**CLARE GARNER** 

The Labour Party was last night shocked at the BBC's decision to bow to Conservative Party pressure and admit to shortcomings in its interviewing of Chancellor Kenneth Clarke on Radio Four's Today pro-

The BBC's Director General, John Birt, agreed with the Tory Party Chairman, Dr Brian Mawhinney, that Mr Clarke was treated in an openly hostile" way by the programme's co-presenter, Anna Ford, while moments later the Labour Leader, Tony Blair, was handled with kid gloves. Dr Mawhinney had complained to Mr Birt about Ms Ford's constant interruptions of Mr Clarke.

Mr Birt said in a letter to Mr Mawhinney: "The editor of the programme has already made clear his view that there were more interruptions than were appropriate and, with hindsight, Anna Ford agrees."

The admission - which comes as broadcasters generally are complaining that they are under intense pressure from both Labour and the Tories in the run-up to the general election - has angered Labour. "The willingness of the BBC to back down in the face of pressures from the chairman of the Tory party is very alarming." a Labour Party spokesman said

In recent weeks, senior broadcasters have been complaining openly that the com-

petition between the parties to influence their priorities, and questioning has become nearintolerable. Every concession to one party, as yesterday, produces renewed pressure from the others. Some BBC insiders are upset that Mr Birt moved so quickly to placate Dr Mawhinney. During a lecture in Dublin early last year, the BBC director general publicly lectured his journalists for what he

In his letter to Dr Mawhinney, Mr Birt wrote: "The editor of Today accepts that more thought should have been given to ensuring greater consistency of approach to two major political interviews in the same edition of the programme."

described as sneering at politi-

Dr Mawhinney - who lost hi temper on-air with another Today programme presenter, Sue MacGregor, earlier this year had written to Mr Birt complaining about Ms Ford's frequent interruptions as she questioned Mr Clarke over tax and the "demon eyes" poster on 16 September.

Her parting shot: "So you are not going to elevate the de-bate?" had been a "disgraceful lapse from impartiality into blatant editorialising", said Dr Mawhinney. But Mr Birt in-sisted that Ms Ford's closing remark had not been intended as a statement of her personal view, but rather a question to which she expected a response. The BBC insists that the error was technical, not editorial.

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## Worrying ideas are not in Vogue

tisement showing laboratory animals being tested was hardhitting and controversial. But the lashion magazine Vogue is not impressed.

Its publishing director, Stephen Quinn, said he decided not to use the Co-operative Bank's advertisement because it was "tedionsly controversial" and readers would not like it. The bank hit back claiming

that Vogue was guilty of censorship and was refusing to corry the advertisement because it was afraid of upsetting cosmeties firms. The advertisement shows a

woman applying face cream and rabbits in a laboratory, and has appeared in poster form around the country.
It is aimed at highlighting the

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e rever invest at lace value Not in our magazine: The advertisement that Vogue considered mappropriate

vest in companies that test their products on animals.

The row comes months after the magazine was involved in another dispute over advertising. In May, the watch company Omega threatened to suspend advertising because the magazine featured "anorex-

ic-looking" models.
The Co-operative Bank's managing director, Terry Thomas, said: "The only pos-sible explanation for this censorship is that Vogue is frightened of upsetting the

powerful cosmetics lobby. This ssue of cruelly testing cosmetics on innocent animals will not go away." Mr Thomas said the bank's two million ensioners were "right behind us". Other

glossy magazines would be used in the next few weeks. Mr Quinn said he had decided the advertisement was not appropriate because Vogue was a fashion magazine and did not publish controversial ad-

The advertisement would

"play badly with the readership"

and did not clearly convey the benefits of banking with the Co-

op, he added.
"We don't wish to encourage tediously controversial advertising. It is deliberately suggesting the experiments that go on on animals are in some way morally wrong," he said.

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# day proves healthier than ever

LIZ HŲNT Health Editor

Fresh fruit and raw salad eaten daily are the key to good health and a life free of heart disease. stroke, and other diseases including cancer, according to the largest British study to date which confirms the benefits of

at least an apple each day. A diet rich in fruit and vegetables is a cornerstone of every health education campaign but the dramatic reductions in disease and mortality revealed in the study surprised researchers.

Scientists recorded the eating habits and health of almost 11,000 people over 17 years, and found that there was 32 per cent fewer deaths from strokes and 24 per cent fewer deaths from heart attacks in people who ate fresh fruit every day.

Overall, the fall in deaths from all causes was 21 per cent in the fruit-eating group com-pared to those whose diet did not incorporate as much fresh fruit. Daily consumption of raw salad was also found to protect meat-free diet. The finding against heart disease.

Dr Tim Key of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's Epidemiology Unit in Oxford, which carried out the study, said vesterday: "This study shows heart attack or stroke are sigold saving 'an apple a day.' The results [also] suggest that eating fresh fruit daily may protect trast, the non-meat eaters were against cancers." A study well within the targets.

known as EPIC, involving 21,000 health-conscious people from nine European countries, is at present underway to in-

vestigate this. Evidence is accumulating for the role of Vitamins A, C, and E and various minerals in raw food, in limiting damage to genetic material and tissues and promoting healing. The ACE vitamins, as they are known, are powerful scavengers of free radicals, harmful chemicals generated in the body and present

in the environment. The study, published in tomorrow's issue of the British Medical Journal, was set up in the early 1970s to establish whether high-fibre foods or a vegetarian diet would lead to fewer deaths from heart attacks. The evidence to support this hypothesis was weak while the fresh fruit association was highly significant.

In the same issue of the

BMJ. Dr Key reports that meateaters are more likely to be comes from the EPIC study: more than 9 per cent of women meat-eaters and 6 per cent of men were defined as clinically obese. Although the figures were well below the national avthat if you eat fresh fruit daily. erages (16 per cent for women the chances of dying from a and 13 per cent for men) they are greater than the targets set nificantly reduced. It's a simple by the Government in Health message which supports the of the Nation, for 8 per cent of women and 6 per cent of men obese by the year 2005. In con-

# Apple a | Workfare? This former pilot wants to use his brain, not to push a broom

Labour Editor

It is either forced labour where human dignity has been trodden underfoot or an opportunity for the unemployed to show they can make a contribution to the community. It depends who

Project Work pilot schemes - where the long-term jobless are forced to undertake tasks or suffer loss of benefit - has elicited emotional responses from the clients, some of whom see themselves more as victims.

Peter Byrne, a 47-year-old former airline pilot has been made to help with ground clear-ing at old people's houses. During a five-year period of unemployment he unsuccessfully tried to establish a business

but was let down by a partner. His views of workfare are unlikely to please its advocates. "I don't mind doing voluntary work, in fact I used to do it when I was employed, but this is forced labour. I am not frightened of hard work, but this is

an insult to my intelligence." At his own expense Mr Byrne recently trained as an operator of remote control equipment for the offshore industry. "I should be given an opportunity to look for work with offshore agencies, rather than clearing gardens, he said.

Dave Gibson, a carpenter and builder in his mid-30s from mid-Kent, has no doubt where he stands: "Even the long-term unemployed are entitled to some sort of respect. They seem to think we are scroungers, cheats, fraudsters and tearaways, but in the main we are normal law-abiding citizens who happen to be unemployed through no fault of our own. It's as if it is a criminal of-

fence to be out of work." Mr Gibson is one of several thousand people, unemployed for more than two years, who have been obliged to join the Project Work scheme in the Maidstone, Medway and Hull



mandatory work experience programme results in a loss of benefit payments. People who are "vulnerable" in the words of the Department for Education and Employment, will have access to hardship payments at a

areas. Failure to attend a rate of 40 per cent and some- building skills to a voluntary or- mer carpenter and joiner. "I times 20 per cent lower than ganisation, will take some contheir normal entitlement.

> The pilot programmes, costing about £12m, smack of US-style workfare - where claimants get nothing from the state if they refuse to work on

designated projects. The idea has already caught the imagination of those drafting the Conservative manifesto and finds supporters of a slightly less strident disposition among policy advisers close to

camp", he believes.

means of getting their views across. "Because we are on the scheme we are no longer officially unemployed. It's simply a means of manipulating the unemployment figures."
Ministers will derive more

satisfaction from the views of. benefit plus £10 to provide his Gary Casey, a 39-year-old for-

jumped at the chance," he said of Project Work.

A project at Buckmore Park, Mr Casey was working as a site agent when he was made rea racing track near the Medway towns, is little short of a "labour dundant from the construction industry. Since then he has suf-Mr Gibson said that people on the programme had no fered from blood pressure and arthritis finding considerable

difficulty in securing employ-As part of his work experience, Mr Casey is organising a charity show to raise funds for a nature conservation organisation. "I'm going to prove to people what I can do," he says.

also supportive of Project Work argue that the black economy in that area of mid-Kent will be

undermined by the scheme. They say that some claimants are involved in work outside the taxation system. Experts are divided on the

economics of workfare. The Government had argued that a full-blown national scheme would be too expensive, butthe Unemployment Unit pressure 🚜 group says that the projects have been established "on the cheap" efit to the unemployed and



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## PM set to speak in libel court

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

John Major is set to become the first serving prime minister to give evidence in court, in the against the Guardian by the forner minister Neil Hamilton.

What could be the most sensational libel trial for decades is now scheduled to open next Thursday, just ahead of the Tory party conference the following week.

Mr Major and his deputy Michael Heseltine are willing to the chairman of Harrods, and go into the witness box during the trial, their lawyer told the High Court yesterday. Charles Gray QC, representing government ministers and departments, told Mr Justice Bell at a preliminary hearing that he wanted to "dispel any misunderstandings".

The Guardian's solicitors have subpostated Mr Major, Mr formal inquiry into allegations Heseltine, Richard Ryder, the former government Chief Whip

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Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and Mr Richard Ryder, the former Chief Whip, are concerned to assist and cooperate with this court in arriving at a resolution of the issues to be cash for questions" libel action contested." All three were ready to give evidence in the witness box on "any relevant is-

sues", Mr Gray said. Mr Hamilton is suing the newspaper over an article in October 1994 claiming that he received £2,000 a time for tabling parliamentary questions on behalf of Mohammed al-Fayed, accepted £4,000 of free hospitality in Mr Fayed's Paris Ritz hotel without declaring them in the Commons register of MPs

After initially vowing to con-tinue as corporate affairs minister, Mr Hamilton later gned. A few weeks earlier, Sir Robin had conducted an inmade by Mr Fayed via a third party. Tim Smith MP, another tions named in the article, re- of speech in Parliament could Mr Gray said: "The Prime signed his job as a junior not be questioned in court.

Northern Ireland minister the day after the disclosures. The political lobbyist Ian Greer is also suing, over the ar-

intermediary.

Yesterday's hearing was convened to investigate the non-release of some government documents to the Guardian's lawyers. The trial had been due to begin next Tuesday but Mr Justice Bell ruled that the trial judge, Mr Justice Morland, should first decide which doc-

ticle's claim that he acted as an

uments should be released. Tories are horrified that the trial, which threatens to resurrect allegations of Tory "sleaze", has been scheduled for the party conference season. But the Guardian's lawyers say the timing was made by the plaintiffs,

not the newspaper.

Mr Hamilton's ability to pursue his action was only made possible after he and supporters successfully campaigned for a change to the 1689 Bill of Rights to allow an MP to waive



## MoD's refreshingly secret weapon

Britain's soldiers and sailors will tion. But water is not the best ansoon be swigging a secret new super-drink developed by the Ministry of Defence to enhance their performance in hot or cold climates or at high altitudes. The effect on these already robust individuals - and therefore on the enemy-is likely to be devastating, writes Christopher

Bellamy. Last night the Ministry of Defence refused to say what the beverage will be called or to detail measures to prevent it falling into the wrong hands.

Since 1991, the spectacle of soldiers clutching bottles of mineral water has been evident, from the they are required to drink six litres of water a day to avoid dehydra- ject officer, said.

swer, the Institute for Naval

Water contains no energy, does not rehydrate quickly and fills the stomach. Isotonic drinks, which contain electrolytes - saits and sugars - in the same strengths as the human body's, enable rehydration to take place more quickly and are already used by athletes.

The new super-soldier-andsailor drink will reduce the amount of fluid needed to accomplish rehydration. "We are investigating how best we can improve physical performance by testing different mixes of the drink and various feeding patterns," James Bilzon, the pro-

# Headmaster was trying to end feud

A teenage schoolboy yesterday told an Old Bailey jury how he watched as a hooded triad gang member stabbed and killed the headmaster Philip Lawrence just yards from the school gate.

The 14-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, described how Mr Lawrence, a father of four, logged up to a Triad gang member who was wearing a hood, black hat and scarf across his face, and tried to reason with him outside the front gates of St George's RC school in Maida Vale, north-west

London. "Mr Lawrence said to the triad 'We can sort something out about this'," the witness said.

Demonstrating with a round-arm motion, he described how the gang member stabbed the headmaster in the chest after punching him in the face. "The triad dropped a knife from his sleeve and he stabbed Mr Lawrence in the chest," he

He said he had had a clear view and the blade had been seven inches in length.

The Triad jogged up the hill. Mr Lawrence went back toward the school. He passed me. He was holding his shirt. He was staggering and holding his

The prosecution alleges that Mr Lawrence was killed after a running feud between two teenage boys at Mr Lawrence's school had led to the armed gang ambushing one of his pupils in a revenge attack.

One of the gang who had played truant and "tagged

along" because he heard it might be "a laugh", later de-scribed Mr Lawrence's murder as "disgraceful". The 16-year-old boy, who also gave evidence vesterday, said he was originally arrested in connection with the

On the way to the police station he told officers that another teenager had admitted stabbing the headmaster. "What was important to me was telling the

He agreed he had said to police that the other teenager's action had been disgraceful. Asked by defence counsel David Spens QC whether that had always been his attitude, the

boy replied: "Yes." He said he had tried to cover up his truancy afterwards by getting himself marked on the school register for that day. He agreed he did not want it to be known he was at the murder

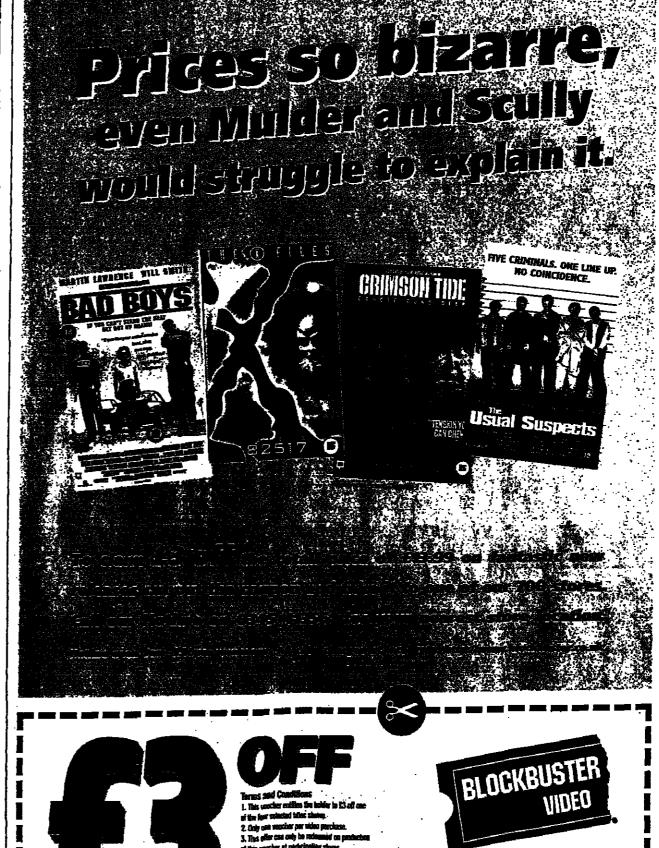
But another reason was that he was in trouble with the school over truancy. "One more offence and they would have expelled me," he told the COURT

"I did not think I would get arrested because I did not do anything."

A teenaged boy charged with Mr Lawrence's murder, who cannot be named for legal reasons, denies that charge and two further charges of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and wounding with intent.

A co-defendant, aged 15, truth and I told the truth," said also denies the latter two







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## Barnstorming baroness warns of the perils of a sell out to Labour

#### STEPHEN GOODWIN

Shirley Williams proved herself the perennial conference darling once n yesterday when she brought Liberal Democrats to their feet with a powerful warning that their policies must not be swapped for seats in a Labour cabinet.

Baroness Williams, one of the 'Gang of Four" who founded the Social Democrats, took to the platform to rally the troops before Paddy Ashdown made an unsheduled closing speech promising not to sell out to Labour. But the party leader did keep his options open on the possibility of a part-nership with Tony Blair.

Baroness Williams said that she recognised the unease of many Liberal Democrats about Labour. But it is up to us." she told them. "The Liberal Democrats must not be diverted from their key policy objectives. We must not exchange them for a handful of

support it in achieving them, to remonstrate or even withdraw our support if it fails to attempt them,"

The former Labour cabinet min-ister, said her old party was a week's events following a sugges-tion by Alex Carlile, the leader of necessary part" of the change Liberal Democrats wanted to bring about in the way Britain was governed. Without change they could not achieve their objectives of a

pleased delegates on the final day of the conference was her warning against a seil out to Labour - the issue which has dominated this the Welsh party, that Mr Ashdown might be offered seats in a Tony

Both Mr Ashdown and Baroness Williams believe the election could

#### We must not exchange our objectives for a handful of government posts'

creation, constitutional reform and an end to "petulant, wrecking tactics" towards the European Union. The constitutional package of

voting reform, freedom of information, human rights and devolution would require the efforts of "a great reforming administraover at least two Parliaments, Baroness Williams added.

high standard of education, job be the trigger for seismic change in the political landscape. A defeated Conservative party could split and a more pluralist system of politics develop.

Baroness Williams said that if the European issue cut across parties as it did during the 1975 referendum campaign, Kenneth Clarke, Michael Heseltine and a score of other Tory MPs would find them-

hope and believe they will fight alougside us, for Britain's whole future role in the world will be at stake," she said:

Mr Ashdown addressed concerns about any future liaison with Labour by pointing to the lessons of local government where Liberal Democrats share power with

"The first lesson is this: that there are many ways of exercising pow-er and influence. Rule nothing in. Rule nothing out. Keep all options open. And campaign to win," he

Lawvers whose cross-examina tion methods caused excessive distress to rape victims should be liable to pay compensation, the conference was told yesterday. The proposal was one of a series intended to ease the suffering of rape victims and will be considered further by the party. Earlier this week, the conference called on the Government for a major review of

## Calvin Klein set sing Paddy's praises

This week has seen the rebirth of and Paddy all gave the Liberal Democrats as the authentic party of principle. Gone are the dark days of the Eighties when the two-party mould was to be broken by the forces of the sensible if soggy - centre. Say hello, instead, to the party of sheet-anchors and bedrock, of radicalism and revolt. of tax and spend. Well a bit of tax, you know where (1p, if necessary, and a dollop from those few who earn 100 grand or more) and an awful lot of spend.

So happy have the Lib Dems been to cast off the tweeds of realism and don the Calvin Kleins of youthful enthusiasm, that one middle-aged female delegate woke me up at four this morning with "The Battle Hymn Of The Republic". So that's one vote less for bedrocks and anchors.

This will not disturb the bappy homeward wend of delegates, sent on their way by an eternity of morale-boosting speeches by every senior party member who hadn't had a turn already – and quite a few who had. Alan, Archie, Jack-

variations on the conference theme. received. Three eral Democrats,

what we stand for, this is what you will get". It reminded me of Yul be written, so let it be done". It sounded good in 1200BC, and it sounds good today. It also happens

For, like all modern parties, the Lib Dems are a coalition of folk with varying views and preoccupations, whose need to appeal to different sections of the electorate can lead to marked changes in emphasis. In Parliament, this is the party of moot, tor and shore, competing with the Tories for the tourist traps of the West Country, ie, Nichol, David, Shirl, Richard the Scottish countryside and the



distribution will require taking dosh from the sedate burghers of Newbury and doling it out to the ddened denizens of Hackney. It won't be popular. Nor is the relationship with Labour in any way resolved. David Rendel MP oke of the inevitable failure of a Blair government, and the opportunities for urban swathe-cutting this would entail. It was one

selves as champ-

heard. Up spake Shirley Having arthe South Coast. rived characteristically late for the conference, she had been walk mixture of shuffle and bustle. Far from looking forward to a Labour disaster, she was hoping for a Lib Tony Blair would have to lead.

closing oration. He had "learned many lessons". The first was that, in the exercise of power, "rule nothing out. Rule nothing in. Keep all your options open". The second was that "to earn trust you mus be clear about your policies and clear about your principles Ex-





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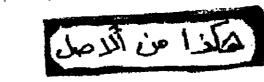
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## Quick fix for A-level maths under fire

**DOUL HUGUL** Education Editor

Government maths advisers met yesterday to consider the future shape of maths A-level amid a dispute about what students should be taught in the sixth form.

After a year in which universities and employers have argued that maths teaching is in crisis, maths experts are accusing Sir Ron Dearing, the Government's chief adviser on exams, of rushing the changes.

Members of the maths and science committee at the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, which Sir Ron heads, have asked him to postpone the decision so that the issue of what



Sir Ron Dearing: Criticised by mathematics experts

all students need to know when they arrive at university or go into employment can be resolved.

They say the questions are too big to be settled before Sir Ron reports to Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, at Christmas. A-level courses were changed only two years ago.

are university lecturers' complaints that they are having to do remedial work with maths students whose A-level courses have not equipped them with the ability to solve problems, understand proofs or even to do

basic number work accurately. At present maths A-level syllabuses have to contain some common elements - about 50 per cent of the whole. Maths dons say that first-year undergraduates have studied dozens of svilabuses and would like the

Germany

edge for A-level increased. Teachers, however, say the choice of maths A-level syllabuses helps them to pick the one best suited to their students and to motivate them. They point out that modern A-level courses are not designed simply to equip pupils to become university mathematicians.

Margaret Brown, a maths education professor at King's College, London, and a committee member, said the committee was divided on whether the "core" of knowledge needed to be increased but unanimous in its wish for delay.

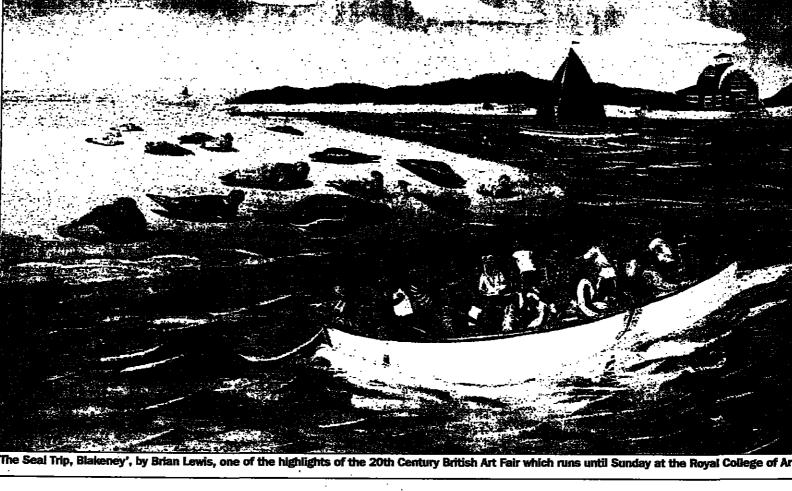
"We are cross that our request for more time has been turned down," she said. "It is going to be like the national curriculum. We shall change it in a hurry and very soon we shall have to change it again to correct the mistakes we made the first time."

Dr Frank Berkshire, director of undergraduate studies in maths at Imperial College, London, said: "It would help very much if the core at A-lev-el were increased. We give our students a test when they arrive and find that virtually every topic has been covered by someone but very few have been seen by all. Over the last 15 years we have seen topics being dumped off the end of the lo<del>rry</del>.'

The authority is reviewing the cores" of all A-level subjects before the introduction of the new Advanced Subsidiary exam, to be taken after one year in the sixth form.

A spokesman for the authority said there would be wide consultation before its proposals went to Mrs Shephard. "We are confident that the work that needs to be done on the cores can be carried out within the timescale," he said "In the unlikely event that prob-At the heart of the dispute lems arise which require further attention then we will advise the Secretary of State."





'The Seal Trip, Blakeney', by Brian Lewis, one of the highlights of the 20th Century British Art Fair which runs until Sunday at the Royal College of Art

### Art wins seal of approval

MARIANNE MACDONALD

The cream of modern art is on show at the 20th Century British Art Fair, which runs until Sunday at the Royal College of Art in Kensington,

Highlights include Brian Lewis's arresting work The Seal Trip, Blakeney, on sale for £2,500 from James Colman Fine Art. The fair offers a huge selection of work presented in individual stands by the finest galleries, many for sale. William Weston Gallery offers Hockney prints; the work of Jack B Yeats can be seen at Theo Waddington Fine Art; and Crane Kalman exhibits L S Lowry, Lucian Freud and Dame Barbara Hepworth.

Sponsored by The Independent, the fair features rarely seen works by Walter Sickert, left in trust to Islington council. Free lectures are included in the admission price of £6.

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## Is this man waging a vendetta against the Labour leader?

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The man who claimed to have psychoanalysed Margaret Thatcher's ambivalent relationship with her mother has now turned his attention to Tony Blair, in a bizarre book about the Labour leader's "polities of perversion.

Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool for nearly 30 years until 1987, and author of the controversial "psycho-biogra-phy", Margaret, Daughter of Beatrice, vesterday claimed to analyse Mr Blair's politics in terms of his "rootless"

In his book, The Man Behind the Smile: Tony Blair and the Politics of Perversion, he accuses the Labour leader of using fascist language and compares him to Oswald Mosley.

The Daily Mail published exclusive extracts of the book vesterday, giving rise to speculation that it was part of a campaign to undermine Mr Blair. The Labour leader's office refused to "dignify" the book with a comment, and Labour officials privately dismissed it as the ramblings of a confused and increasingly eccentric man. Mr

Cardiff, but has had no training. The book was all but dis-

owned at its publication yesterday by Mr Abse's friend, Geoffrey Goodman, the former labour editor of the Daily Mir-ror who worked for Prime Minister James Callaghan. Mr Goodman said the book was "a trifle intellectually self-indul-

The myth of renewal and rebirth is a dangerous ploy'

gent, above all immensely courageous ... I can't say that I am at one with it.

Mr Abse criticises the concept of "New" Labour: "The myth of renewal and rebirth is a dangerous ploy to introduce myth, when it has invaded the politics of 20th-century Europe, notably in Nazi Germany, that has wreaked havoc.

"We have had once before in 20th-century Britain a party emphasising above all its pris-Abse became interested in psy-time nature. It was the New Par-

ty founded by the extraordinary and dangerous Oswald Mosley it was a party that soon glided

He then attacks Mr Blair and "his impertinent young political pups" in crude psychological terms: "As they seek to kill off their fathers, these political adolescents forget that the most radical and 'regenerative' Labour government [of 1945] was led by old men.

Mr Abse's Margaret, Daughter of Beatrice was regarded as plausible by some on the left. It purported to analyse Baroness Thatcher's relationship with her father and absence of a relationship with her mother.

More recently, he was feted rather uncertainly - by the right for his book, Wotan, My Enemy, in which he psychoanalysed the entire German nation and pronounced it unable to face up to its deep-ingrained racism.

Mr Abse, 79, criticises the Labour leader for his sexual "ambiguity" and his interest in rock music. "Why does Blair immerse himself in this boruagain world of rock, the world disorientation, of sexual nomads, of the Rolling Stones who, in their restless name, enshrine rock's stance?



Sex and rock 'n' roll: Leo Abse (foreground) analyses Tony Blair's politics in terms of his 'rootless' upbringing

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## **Islanders** may hold gene clue to cancer

LIZ HUNT

Some cancer patients and their families living on the tiny island of Benbecula in the Outer Hebrides are to be screened for a gene which has been linked with a high rate of the disease, particularly tumours of the digestive tract.

The screening follows growing concern about a possible cancer cluster on the island which was revealed by The Independent on Sunday carlier this year. A local GP. Dr Francis Tierney, had tentatively linked the cluster with radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl explosion 10 years ago, which leads to contamination of the ground and coastal waters in a community which grows much of its own food and eats a lot of seafood.

However, Dr Tierney's claims were roundly dismissed by the Western Isles Health Board following their week long investigation on the island. They concluded that the 19 cases of cancer reported in 18 months at Griminish Surgery – one of the island's two practices- were normal, although they were three times the expected level according to Dr Tierney. A more detailed investigation

followed but the conclusion disappointed doctors, nursing staff, their patients, and the reiatives of those with cancer, who felt their anxiety was not being taken seriously by the

Now Dr Tierney's concern of developing cancer.

about the cancers he and his partners were seeing at the Criminish Surgery appears to have been vindicated. From the start he had insisted that the Chernobyl hypothesis was just one among several worth investigating. He told the BBC Scotland Current Affairs pro-

gramme, Eorpa, last night: ...the health board really did nothing because, in their words. they did not expect anything It appears that hereditary genetic factors may be the likeliest explanation of any cancer

cluster on Benbecula and the Western Isles Health Board confirmed that scientists from Marie Curie Cancer Research have already begun screening for the gene known as HNPCC. Bruce Skilbeck, chief executive, said the tests were being led

by two GPs on the island and a doctor from the International Cancer Research Fund cancer unit at St Mark's Hospital in London, funded by Marie Curie Cancer Research. Mr Skilbeck said: "[The screening] involves first degree

relatives of patients with colorectal cancer."

Doctors in Finland first discovered that HNPCC-related cancers are increasing with every generation. It is claimed that one sixth of all cancers in Finland can be traced back to a single village where a gene be-came defective hundreds of years ago. Professor de la Chapelle, a Finnish cancer epidemiologist, says that carriers of the gene have a 100 per cent risk

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# Wife's complaints leave Portnoy exposed

Memoirs of actress Claire Bloom paint a dark picture of Philip Roth as a distant, cold and angry husband

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

Memoirs by the actress Claire Bloom, to be published next month, provide a full and frank account of her marriage to Philip Roth, most famous for his sexually explicit novel, Portnoy's Complaint.

Roth's career is based on confessional books, so it is an ironic volle-face that he is now the subject of one by his ex-wife, whom he married in 1990 at her request after a 15-year relationship.

The memoirs paint a dark picture of Roth as a man characterised by furious anger attacks and childish tantrums, who forced Bloom to make her daughter, Anna, leave home at 18 because he disliked her so

But the most extraordinary insight into Roth's life with the actress, whom many believe was the most beautiful of her eneration, is given in a telling incident before their marriage.

She tells how Roth had begun a new novel, Deception, and had been uncharacteristically quiet about his progress. He worked in a studio two blocks from their New York flat, and one day Bloom burst in on him with some good news which had arrived by letter.

His reaction was cold, jeweller, Bulgari. alarmed and unwelcoming, so much so that Bloom left and swore never to interrupt him again. Later, when Roth had fin-ished his book, he did not give it to Bloom to read - another unusual development. Finally,

after three weeks, he gave her the manuscript.
What she read was a passage

about a self-hating Anglo-Jewish family, a precise description of Roth's working studio in London, and accounts of the numerous women who had come to have sex with him there "in the most convoluted positions, preferably on the floor".

Finally Bloom came to a chapter about his "remarkably

A pre-nuptial agreement allowed Roth to divorce at will

uninteresting middle-aged wife, who, as described, is nothing better than an ever-spouting fountain of tears constantly bemoaning the fact that his other women are so young".

The woman was an actress by profession – and her name was Claire, she writes in her book, Leaving A Doll's House, published by Virago.

That evening, she recounts, Roth came home "far earlier than usual" carrying a gold and emerald snake ring from the-

"I waited for him, shaking with rage. I told him he had used me most shabbily. I told him I wanted my name out of the book. I told him that was the end of that; there would be no

had called his protagonist Philip, therefore to name the wife Claire would add to the richness of the texture." Bloom told him she would sue if it was not changed.

Despite the warning signs, Bloom admits she was desperate to marry Roth and continued to be, even when he produced a pre-nuptial settlement drawn up by his lawyer two weeks before the ceremony.

Under its terms, Roth could divorce her at will and not be financially responsible. "The apartment, possessions, everything reverted back to him," she wrote. She also discovered that he had taped a telephone conversation between them "for

reasons I can only guess at". The marriage did not last Bloom and Roth split up and she later discovered that he had become involved with a mutual friend. "As the saying goes, the wife is the last to know."



Portrait of a marriage: In Leaving A Doll's House, Claire Bloom admits that she was desperate to marry author Philip Roth after a 15-year relationship

#### DAILY POEM

The Morning After (II) By Tony Harrison

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The Rising Sun was blackened on those flames. The jabbering tongues of fire consumed its rays. Hiroshima, Nagasaki, were mere names for us small boys who gloried in our blaze.

The blood-red ball, first burnt to blackout shreds, took hovering batwing on the bonfire's heat above the Rule Britannias and the bobbing heads of the VI hokey-cokey in our street.

The kitchen blackout cloth became a cloak for me to play at fiend Count Dracula in. I swirled it near the fire. It filled with smoke. Heinz ketchup dribbled down my vampire's chin.

That circle of scorched cobbles scarred with tar's a night sky glob nerve-rackingly all black, both hemispheres entire but with no stars, an Archerless zilch, a Scaleless zodiac.

Tony Harrison, born in Leeds in 1937, was educated at Leeds Grammar School and Leeds University, where he read classics. It was an education that would put "books, books, books" between Harrison and his working-class background, and which helped to produce one of this country's finest poets and dramatists. Bloodaxe last year published Permanently Bard: Selected Poetry. Tony Harrison is in conversation with Simon Armitage and reads his poems on Stanza on Stage, Radio 4, tomorrow evening at 11.30pm.

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## Scientists claim breakthrough in zero-gravity sminting AN MODALIZE

PHYSICISTS in Cambridge are close to solving the bizarre and baffling phenomenon of zero gravity sminting. A team led by Professor Albert E. Hatt, has been operating with scientists from both the USA and Russia to determine the effects of zero gravity sminting on humming birds.

After being exposed to the effects of a small, blue rectangular pack just once,

the humming birds could achieve a state of complete weightlessness. In other words, they could float. Even more sensational, this experiment has now been carried out on humans some as heavy as 20 stone. Leaked photographs

taken "somewhere in England"show Russian volunteers floating at least 15 feet in the air and being secured by fishing lines. Professor Hatt explains: "At first, it was a bit tricky with the humans, especially the overweight Russian volunteers. We had to subject them to continuous sminting before

But once we got the dose right, we had them floating on air for up to an hour at a



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hkyo — It sounds more like someme out of Trivial Pursuit than a atter of life or death: are the obure rocks, 200 miles off the northist of Taiwan, rightly called the inkaku chain, the Diaoyu archilago, or the Tiaoyutai islands? Yesterday the question became a adly one, after a Hong Kong man ed in the latest round of a dispute

hich is proving a grave embar-ssment to the governments of okyo, Taipei and Peking. The tragedy occurred yesterday af-rnoon when a cargo ship, the Kien wa No 2, arrived in the sea close the islands following a four-day pyage from Hong Kong. As well as everal dozen journalists, the vessel urried members of a group of Hong ong Chinese with a mission to carry ut. This was the demolition of a

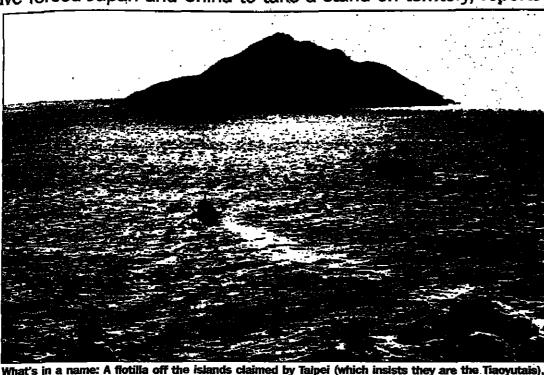
nall beacon which had been rected two months earlier by a oup of Japanese right-wingers. 3 the Hong Kong protesters, the lands are unquestionably the iaoyus, and they belong to China a claim made with equal veheience by Japan (Senkakus) and aiwan (Tiaovutais).

To prove their point, and despite

ie presence of 20 patrol boats and elicopters of the Japanese coastuard, some of the protesters unched dinghies from which they imped into the rough sea. By o'clock, in spite of attempts at rescitation by doctors of the Japanse coast guard, the expedition's ader, David Chan, was dead. A consular officer from the British mbassy in Tokyo is today making the

,200-mile journey to a hospital in

apan's southern Okinawa prefecture



What's in a name: A flotilla off the islands claimed by Taipei (which insists they are the Tiaoyutais), Peking (which calls them the Diaoyus) and Tokyo (which refers to the Senkakus)

Photograph: AP

to visit another member of Mr Chan's party who narrowly escaped coming to grief in the water; the protesters' ship was last night sailing away from the Tiaoyutai-Senkaku-Diaoyus. But the tragedy will only fuel a struggle that has been smoul-dering for 25 years and which the governments in the region had been

hoping to forget. Both Tokyo and Peking find them-

of being bounced into taking a stand on the islands by nationalists within and outside their own countries. Despite a bitter wartime history, and

But the issue was forced in July by the construction of the small lighthouse by the Japan Youth Federation, an unsavoury right-wing group

occasional explosions of vimperative rhetoric from Peking, the two sides had agreed to shelve the island

which has links with organised

The act provoked immediate protests from Taiwan and China, which has hinted darkly of "connivance and protection from certain Japanese quarters". Tokyo maintains, rather unconvincingly, that there is nothing that it can do: the islands are privately owned and no offence has been committed under Japanese

But while the diplomatic exchanges continued, the dispute stirred up a rare burst of pan-Chinese outrage. In Taipei and Hong Kong, there have been furious demonstrations against the light-house. Japanese goods have been boycotted, department stores pick-eted and effigies of politicians have been burned:

This is also causing enough in Tokyo, but it is also causing anxiety in China. Independent nationalist moyements of whatever type are alarming to Peking, especially when they is-sue from Taiwan which still maintains that it is the "true" China.

With the genie uncorked from its bottle, neither side can ignore the dispute, but neither can easily stand down. Both countries have other territorial disputes which they cannot afford to undermine - Japan with Russia and South Korea (over the Kuriles and the Takeshima islands), and China with half of south-east Asia over the Spratlys and the Paracels. Apart from fishing stocks, the ocean bed around the East China Sea islands is suspected of possessing rich natural resources, and earlier this month China sent the latest in a series of survey vessels to sniff out the area.

On Wednesday, the Japanese and Chinese foreign ministers met in New York for an inconclusive meeting which appeared to have calmed the situation. The question is whether this calm can survive the

death of Mr Chan. The Japanese Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, warned: "I'm not so optimistic as to believe this will

not have some diplomatic impact."



Protest leader David Chan (lower figure) is winched from the sea with a colleague. Chan was later declared dead Photograph: Reuter

Doctor defends patient's right to die under controversial legislation

## Euthanasia death sparks furore in Australia

*ROBERT MILLIKEN* 

Doctors, MPs, church leaders No Darwin psychiatrist would ind lawyers were locked in an mpassioned debate last night ifter it was disclosed that Bob Dent, a 66-year-old former carnenter with terminal prostate ancer, had become the world's irst person to die under volintary euthanasia legislation.

Announcing in Darwin that ne had administered a lethal inection to Mr Dent using a omputerised "death machine". hilip Nitschke, his doctor, aid: "The patient fell asleep imnediately and died peacefully hortly thereafter. It was a very lifficult time for me, but I was eft with the overwhelming feelng that I had done ... somehing good by being able to end he suffering of this brave man."

Mr Dent died at his Darwin nome last Sunday with Mrs Dent and Dr Nitschke at his ide. "He died with dignity." the loctor said. "It was a very poignant moment. There was ilso . . . a sense of history."

Mr Dent had asked to die under the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act, which the Northern Territory parliament passed last vear but which came into force only in July. The first law of its kind, it has bitterly divided Australians. When it was finally passed, by a narrow margin, the law contained so many amendments that its supporters complained it would be almost impossible to implement. Two doctors and a psychiatrist must deny me the right to use it."

approve a patient's request to die and verify that it does not arise from clinical depression. co-operate. Mr Dent was able

es of a barbiturate and a musassembled by Dr Nitschke, which delivered the drugs into Mr Dent's arm when the patient

coalition of the Australian Medical Association, aborigines and clerics will argue that the law vi-olates an implied right to life under Australia's constitution. In

At a press conference in Darwin yesterday, Dr Nitschke read an open letter to Australian MPs signed by his patient five days earlier. For months, Mr Dent wrote, his life had been "a roller-coaster of pain" made worse by side-effects from the 30 tablets he was taking each day. If I kept a pet animal in the same condition I am in, I would be prosecuted . . . If you disagree with voluntary euthan-

to die under the law only after David Ellard, a Sydney psychiatrist, flew to Darwin and certified that he was not depressed. Mr Dent received lethal doscle relaxant from a machine

pressed a key on a computer. Dr Nitschke's earlier plans to help other patients to use the law had gone into abeyance amid rows over legal challenges. One is to come before the High Court in November, when a

the federal parliament in Can-berra, a backbench MP from the ruling Liberal Party has intro-duced a bill to override the act.

### Croatian journalists win free speech case

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

President Franjo Tudjman's efforts to restrict media freedoms in Croatia suffered an unexpected defeat yesterday when a Zagreb court acquitted two independent journalists of de-faming him. Viktor Ivancic and Marinko Culic, editor and leading writer at the satirical weekly *Feral Tribune*, were found not guilty in a case that European governments viewed as a test of Croatia's civil liberties record.

The judgment should enhance Croatia's chances of joining the Council of Europe, which promotes democracy and human rights in former Communist countries. Admission to the council serves as a stamp of international approval for a country's human rights performance, and bership of the European Union.

The council put Croatia's application on hold earlier this year, partly because of Mr Tudj-man's harassment of independent news organisations.

Mr Tudiman's detestation of

Feral Tribune hoiled over when it compared him with Ante Pavelic, Croatia's Fascist leader in the 1940s, and the late Spanish dictator Francisco Franco.

State prosecutors brought defamation charges against Mr Ivancic and Mr Culic under a new clause in Croatia's criminal code that is intended to muzzle public criticism of the President and other high-

ranking state officials. Judge Marin Mrcela at the Zagreb municipal court said that the journalists had merely exercised their right to voice criticism of some of the President's activities. Croat human rights is an essential condition for mem-activists described the judge's verdict as courageous.

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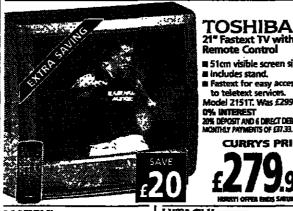
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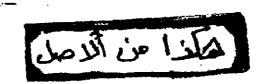
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# Apartheid assassin 'killed Swedish PM'

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JOHN CARLIN

The number one assassin of the apartheid era said yesterday that the South African intelligence services had been responsible for the death of Olaf Palme, the Swedish prime min-ister gunned down in a Stockholm street in 1986.

Eugene de Kock, a former South African security police colonel, implicated Craig Williamson, another former colonel, in the assassination of Palme, a crime which has thus far proved impenetrable.

De Kock, who used to be known by his colleagues as "Prime Evil", confessed last week that he planted a bomb outside the London headquarters of Nelson Mandela's ANC in 1982. He said that Williamson, dubbed the apartheid regime's "superspy" by the South African press, had planned the London bombing.

De Kock was testifying yes-terday in a Pretoria Court where last month he was found guilty of 89 crimes, including six murders. He is seeking to reduce his sentence by revealing information to the court on the murderous inner workings of the apartheid security apparatus. He told the court yesterday he had already provided many details of apartheid crimes to the South African Attorney



almost every country

General, such as Palme's assassination, which, he said, was one of Craig Williamson's Operation Long Reach' projects." De Kock added: "I wanted it to be investigated

before it was covered up. Operation Long Reach was a top-secret project designed to intimidate or silence opponents of apartheid abroad. Palme was a passionate critic of apartheid and a leading advocate of sanctions against South Africa.

Hans-Gunner Axberger, the spokesman for the Palme investigation commission, said yesterday he could not comment on de Kock's allegations but said that over the past 10 years conwhen, posing as a sympathiser, he penetrated ANC operations abroad. His cover was blown in 1980 and he returned to South Africa where he played a key role in clandestine operations against the ANC. De Kock's history is more

spectacular, for it appears to aubstantiate a claim last week by a senior ANC official that he is the world's most prolific killer. During the early Eighties he commanded a South African security-police unit in the Namibian war known as Koevoet, or Crowbar. Koevoet, whose soldiers were black Namibians, were denounced the world over for the ferocious manner in which they killed capnections had emerged "with

tured Swapo guerrillas.
In the mid-Eighties de Kock
was transferred to Pretoria The latest South African where he headed a hit squad connection appears more plausible than most because of the whose orders were to eliminate ruthlessness with which de Kock ANC sympathisers inside South and Williamson set about their Africa. After Nelson Mandela's release in 1990 he shifted his attask of defending the apartheid system against enemies at home tentions to the security force and abroad. De Kock was the strategy of stoking what used to be called "black-on-black" hit-man. Williamson the brains. violence. He provided arms, training and back-up to leading De Kock is tall, bespectacled and clean-cut. Williamson is medium height, bearded and figures in Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha during their obese. Where de Kock is awkward and stutter-prone, Will-iamson is affable and articulate. undeclared war on ANC supporters and their families. More The two did not always work than 10,000 died in South together. Williamson made his Africa's township wars between name during the late Seventies 1990 and the elections of 1994.



Armenian opposition members argue with security forces in Yerevan yesterday as the embattled President Levon Ter-Petrosyan brought the army into the capital in a crackdown on political opponents following violent clashes with riot police. Protesters allege vote-rigging in the re-election of the President last week Photograph: John Houlihan/Guzelian/AP

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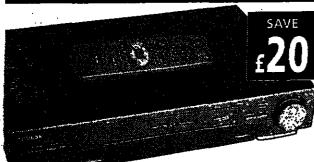
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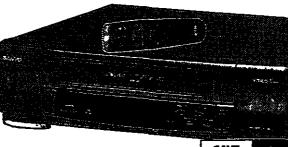
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## Race to halt an avalanche of garbage ELIZABETH NASH

Madrid

Fifty workmen wearing protective face masks and using mechanical diggers are working round the clock to stabilise a fermenting garbage mountain that threatens to slip into the sea and cause an ecological disaster on Spain's rocky north-western

A 100,000-ton festering rubbish tip near the Galician port of La Coruña is advancing towards the sea at a rate of 10cm a day. The municipal dump west of the town exploded into activity more than a week ago, when part of it shook loose and engulfed cars and houses in the neglected fishing settlement of Portino. One man was swept away along with the car he was

washing.

Since then, the mountain has taken on a life of its own, continually shifting and heaving. Huge fissures have opened, up to 100 metres across. Hundreds of Portino residents. caught between the rubbish and the sea, were last week evacuated to La Coruña's Ríazor football stadium. Many are sitting in, ignoring appeals from the Town Hall that they should now return home.

The Socialist mayor, Francisco Vasquez, called for the area to be declared a national disaster zone and warned yesterday of "an environmental catastrophe of the first magnitude" should the rubbish plunge into the sea and wash along the

coast. He said efforts were be-

ing made to build a dike to hold back the tumbling mass. Locals say that little fires spontaneously ignite because fermentation produces me-thane gas, and that residual liquids - rich in toxic compounds and heavy metals from spent batteries - seep from beneath

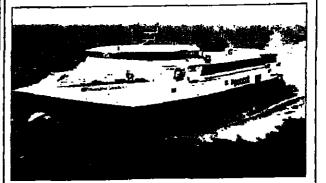
the mound towards the sea. Desperately seeking to avert an avalanche, the local authority last week started shifting material from the mountain's summit and dumped it near the village of San Pedro de Visma. As a result, up to 100 outraged villagers donned face masks and protested that the detritus be shifted from their doorsteps. Fans of the local football team Deportivo wore their scarves tied firmly over their nose and mouth during Sunday's league match at the Riazor.

The Town Hall insists there is no health risk, but at least three people were treated in hospital for vomiting and dizziness attributed to the stink.



skies gets its wings back. Page 13.

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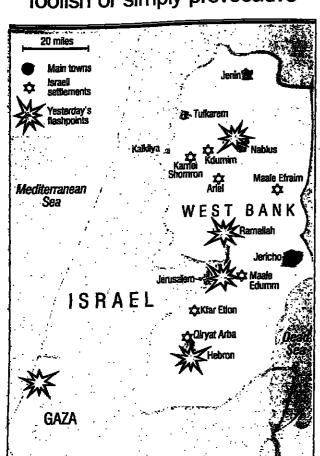
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THE INDEPENDENT

# Violence born of Bibi's tunnel vision He knew the tunnel opening would be catastrophic. David Whit Peros

would be catastrophic. David Horovitz asks whether he was foolish or simply provocative





The price of conflict: A wounded Palestinian is carried to safety by his friends in Gaza yesterday

When Benjamin "Bibi" Ne- through the popular site. On the tanyahu gave the order to blast open a new entrance to a 2,000year-old water tunnel on Monday night, did he realise that he was simultaneously blasting away the last faint hopes of peace with the Palestinians?

As the explosion of violence. which began the moment the tunnel opened, spread and intensified into warfare yesterday, all the indications were that Mr Netanyahu should have known exactly what he was doing.

The notion of opening a second entrance to the tunnel used by the Hasmoneans of the second century BC to bring water to the Jewish Temple - had been discussed for years by successive Israeli governments. On the plus side, a new entrance would ease the flow of tourists did not consult all his intelli-

minus side, because the Palestinians have long suspected that the tunnel is part of an Israeli design to dig under Temple Mount itself, the reaction was always like-

ly to be angry. All the signs are that ly before the Israeli elections he should last May, and the Prime Minister, Shimon Peres,

tourists would just have to suffer the one-entrance bottleneck a little longer. Mr Netanyahu, according to

have known on the advice of his worried intelligence chiefs, decided the disregarded it - and that he then months as Prime Minister. If

set off on a goodwill visit to the secretive opening of the Israeli news reports yesterday,

gence chiefs before he approved foolish. If he did believe them, the project. But those whose asand was prepared to provoke disessments he did seek warned rect conflict with the Palestinihim that the timing was hardly ans in order to make an absurd auspicious. Israeli-Palestinian point of principle about Israeli relations have nose-dived in sovereignty in Jerusalem, why did he not at least stay at home the 100 or so to oversee the crisis, rather than be forced, as he was yesterday, to cut short a trip that turned into a diplomatic nightspark to ignite mare and hurry back to

Mr Netanyahu's behaviour over this affair is entirely consistent with much of what he this advice but has done in his few sorry Britain, France and Germany - new tunnel entrance wiped simply defies explanation. If he did not believe the warnings of Israel's professional securi-ty analysts, he is unconscionably the second of the second of

ed the depressing context. While reiterating, almost daily, his professed commitment to honouring the peace accords he inherited from the Rabin and Peres Labour governments, he has done nothing to demonstrate this commitment. There has been no Israeli troop pull-out from Hebron, no opening of the "safe-passage" route from Gaza to the West Bank, no discussion of the further West Bank redeployment Israel was pledged to carry out in early September. Instead, illegal Palestinian buildings have been enthusiastically de-

of new Israeli settlements. Yes, Mr Netanyahu did, finally, reluctantly, meet Mr

molished in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, and plans approved for the construction

minent progress,

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made; his army

Arafat at the start of this month. felt betrayed. His people, bad-But, as he had done at previous top-level summits with Egypt's President, Hosni Mubarak, and Jordan's King Hussein, he effectively gave-up on peace, talked handsomely about im-

> He has shown no commitment semblance of to the peace accords

commanders contradicted him, making plain that they were perfectly satis-fied with the existing accord, and were merely waiting for his

Like President Mubarak and King Hussein, Mr Arafat equally unclear whether Mr news magazine

ly hurting from the economic impact of the prolonged West Bank and Gaza Strip closures,

now, of course,

is whether some

the Palestinian side, it is by no means clear that Mr Arafat can still exert full control over his 30,000-strong police force armed by Israel, in happier of 1996.

courage to rectify the mistakes that destroyed the peace efforts. It is, after all, so much easier to stay on the offensive, as the Prime Minister and his side have been doing for the past three days: to blame Mr Arafat for "inciting the violeace"; to suggest that the true character of the Palestinians is calm can be renow being exposed, and that stored, and any making peace with them was alkind of dialogue resumed. On ways an impossibility; and to deride the Rabin and Peres governments for giving the Palestinians guns, and thus turning the unequal stonesagainst-rifles Intifada of 1987 to 1993 into the all-out warfare

David Horovitz is managing On the Israeli side, it is editor of 'The Jerusalem Report

# Comrades

the flames of

confrontation.

That Mr Ne-

tanyahu heard

turn their guns on each other

JOHN LICHFIELD

There is a tragic irony in the gun battles between uniformed Palestinians and uniformed Israelis of the last two days. One of the successes claimed for the Oslo peace process - and one of the most solid building blocks of a hopeful future - was the generally good and professional relationship between the Israeli Defence Force and the

Palestinian "police".

Many of the soldiers and policemen shooting at each other other in Gaza and the West Bank yesterday would have been patrolling together in recent weeks. In some parts of the West Bank, Israeli and Palestinian security forces share the same barracks. There must now he a huge doubt whether the concept of joint Palestinian-Israeli security – one of the keys to the entire peace process - can survive this week's violence.

The clashes will also reinforce lears on the Israeli right that the Pakstinian police - a paramilitary force up to 45,000 strong - poses a threat to Israel's security.

As many as 70 per cent of the policemen were recruited from the Palestinian diaspora. Almost all the senior officers, and many of the lower ranks, previously served in the Palestinian Liberation Army, the military wing of the Palestinian Liberation Orcanisation. In other words, before the start of the peace process, they were "terrorists" in the eyes of Israelis. Before their re-turn, they were based in other Arab countries. Some are believed to have fought on the Iraqi side in the 1991 Gulf war.

None the less senior Israeli and Palestinian officers say that the concept of joint patrolling and joint security has worked well. There has been increasing Israeli concern, however, at the numbers of police being recruited by the Palestinian authority. Yasser Arafat was reported to be using police jobs as a form of patronage. And as their numbers swelled the police were reported to be hehaving in an increasingly autocratic way towards the Palestinian population.

## US urges both sides to end the killing

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

Avoiding direct criticism of Israel, the US yesterday urgently appealed to both Israelis and Palestinians to end the violence on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and to take steps to prevent progress towards lasting peace from unravelling

President Bill Clinton said

the fighting, by far the worst since the first Israeli-Palestinian accords of 1993, "pointed to the urgency for both sides ... to re-solve the issues which divide them". In a thinly-veiled rebuke to the Israeli government, Mr Clinton urged both sides to avoid "unnecessarily provocative actions" - an unmistakable reference to the decision to open a tunnel in Jerusalem near a holy Islamic site, which

sparked the unrest. Putting a brave face on the setback, the President said the eruption of violence and killing could make progress more dif-

Fragile peace 13 September 1993 — Israel/PLO Declaration of Prin-

ciples in Oslo. 28 September 1995 — Oslo Il signed in Washington. November 1995 — Yitzhak Rabin assassinated. February-March 1996

Hamas suicide bombings. 29 May — Binyamin Netanyahu's Likud wins election. 2 August — Israel ends fouryear ban of Jewish settlement in West Bank,

25 and 26 September - Netanyahu's decision to open tunnel under old Jerusalem sparks violence on West Bank.

stood out "precisely because we have made so much progress, because violence was becoming the exception, not the rule."

The majority of Palestinians and Israelis wanted peace, Mr Clinton insisted, pleading with

How much impact Washington's urgings would have, re-mained to be seen here last night. Embroiled in the election campaign, Mr Clinton has avoided direct involvement in the crisis, leaving it to Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, to carry US pleadings to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat.

The fighting rips away all pretence of co-operation between Israeli and Palestinian security forces in the former occupied territorics.

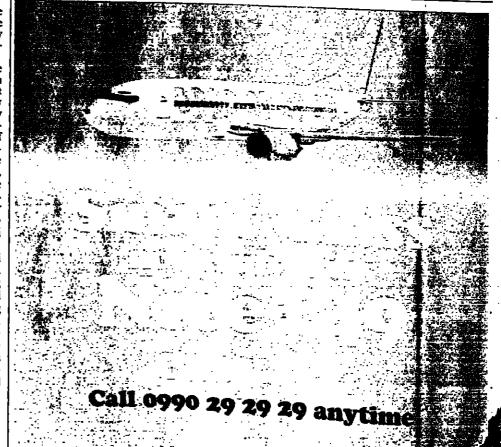
In an election year especially, outspoken pressure from a US President on the Jewish state is all but unthinkable. Privately, the President was dis-mayed when Mr Netanyahu won the spring election. At their subsequent meetings here. Mr Clinton and the Prime Minister have been unable to do more than agree to disagree.

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## Whitewater storm zeros in on Hillary

**RUPERT CORNWELL** 

A president coasts towards reelection, his country unmoved by the scandal which dogs him. Defensive and resentful, he accuses the special prosecutor probing the affair of being "out to get him." But controversy refuses to die, and almost every week, it seems, brings a new embarrassing development. That is what happened in 1972. And, even some Democrats now fear history may be repeating itself

Whitewater of course is not Watergate, neither in terms of immediacy (the original offences were allegedly commit-ted in distant Arkansas, 10 or more years ago) nor of gravity (Bill and Hillary Clinton are not suspected of a dirty-tricks campaign to subvert the constitution of the United States). But the parallels have become impos-

sible to ignore. In the eye of the storm, as she has been for months, is the First Lady, whom a report by a government regulatory body this week accuses of drafting a document used to "deceive" federal authorities over a fraudulent land deal in 1986 involving the failed Madison Guaranty bank, a client of the Rose Law Firm where she was

Mrs Clinton insists she cannot even remember the transaction, but the report's

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Afghan government troops

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defend Kabul, ignoring a UN

Security Council call for a

ceasefire. Reuter - Kabul

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First Lady: Comparisons grow

ing she worked extensively for Madison and its owner James McDougal, the Clintons' partner in the Whitewater real estate venture - mysteriously came to light in the White House private quarters in late

All is now under intense investigation by a small army of lawyers assembled in Washington and Little Rock by the special prosecutor. Kenneth Starr.

And just as Richard Nixon took aim at his tormentor Archibald Cox, Mr Clinton on Monday claimed Mr Starr was "out to get" him and his wife, and even seemed to hint he might grant a presidential pardon to Susan McDougal, the wife of James McDougal who is now in prison for contempt of court after refusing to testify before a grand jury.

conclusions make that assertion even less credible than it was afis being hounded by Mr Start, ter Rose billing records - show- with threats of a long jail term

or other Clinton. And indeed, she has won a measure of public sympathy after being pho-tographed shackled hand and foot as she was led off to prison earlier this month.

Others however suspect she has reached a tacit deal with the Clinton camp, of refusing to incriminate the President and his wife in return for a pardon once the election is over

Every sign is that such a step would be as big a political disaster for Mr Clinton as it was for Gerald Ford when he pardoned his disgraced predecessor Richard Nixon.

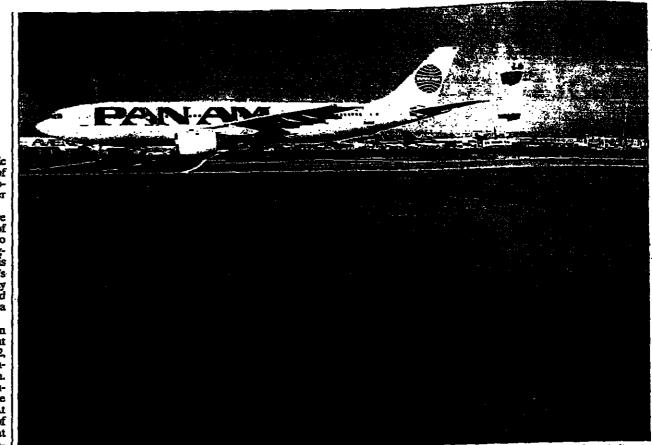
But when asked in a TV interview about the possibility, Mr Clinton was pointedly noncommittal, saving merely he would review any request after an evaluation from the Justice Department: "That's how I think it should be handled."

The betting remains that

if she does not incriminate one Mr Starr will avoid any dramatic step, such as an indictment of Mrs Clinton for perjury or obstruction of justice, until after November 5.

But last week's recall before the Whitewater grand jury of Carolyn Huber, the aide who found the billing records, sug-gests that Mrs Clinton again is squarely in the prosecutor's sights. Indeed the First Lady could herself be summoned before the grand jury for a third time.

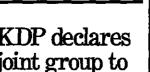
What is certain is that even if Bob Dole crashes to defeat like George McGovern in 1972, Whitewater will dog Bill Clinton well into his second term. At the least, that means con-tinuing huge legal bills for those embroiled in the affair. At worst, it could see indictment of his wife, and a repeat of what Mr Ford once called "the national nightmare" of Water-



From bust to sonic boom: A Pan-Am passenger jet taxing ready for take-off yesterday at New York's JFK airport. It was the recently revived airline's first flight







The Kurdistan Democratic Party that, with military help from Baghdad, took control of northern Iraq in fighting with the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan this month, said it was forming a 16-person cabinet to run affairs in the vere abandoning checkpoints Kurdish region. "The new adand trucks laden with govern- ministration includes reprement soldiers had been seen sentation of all peoples living in northern Iraq," said the KDP. It said the Kurdish Naheading north out of the city. vewed to fight to the death to tional Assembly - composed of both KDP and PUK representatives - appointed KDP politburo member, Roj Nuri

#### Serb sanctions to be lifted

is expected to lift all remaining sanctions against the Serbian cntity in Bosnia and the school bus at a railway of Republic of Yugoslavia with-in a few days, UN officials said. The path was cleared for the lifting of sanctions by the Security Council at a meeting of the Contact Group of Western powers monitoring the Bospia peace. monitoring the Bosnia peace process, including the United States, Britain and Russia. Optimism was expressed that a final certification of this month's ections in Bosnia will be issued by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe in the next few days. David Usborne -New York

#### Tigers kill 100 soldiers

Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed at least 100 Sri Lankan soldiers in a bounter-attack near the northern rebel stronghold of Kilinochchi, military officials said in an attack on advancing government troops, members of the separatist Tamil Tigers hit the rear of an army chlumn with mor-tars. Reuter - Colombo

#### N Korea vows 'strong' action

North Korea said it would take "strong" measures against South Korea for killing North Koreans who landed in the South from a submarine last week. The decision weekned at a creating cision was made at ameeting of the North Korean government, political parties and other organisations. "The meeting bitterly denounced the South Korean puppers for brutally killing soldiers of the Korean People's Army who could not but go ashore in Korean south Korean puppers." in Kangrung, South Korea, after an accident during their regular training," the official Korean Central News Agency said. Reider Tokyo

#### **KDP** declares joint group to run Kurdistan

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#### Russian train The international community hits school bus

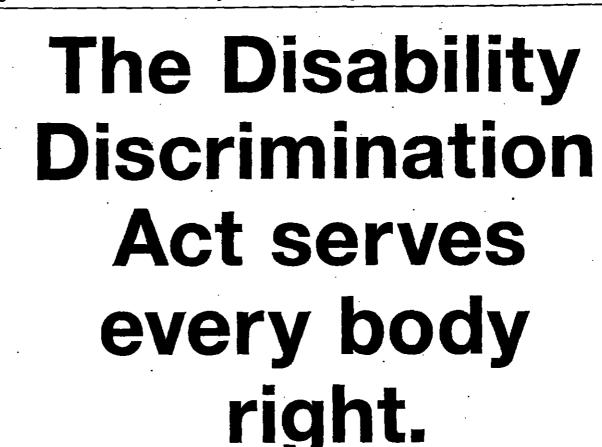
ing in southern Russia, killing 15 children and injuring 14 others. The accident oc curred at an unguarded crossing at Konnoarmeyskaya in the Rostov region, said Alexander Avdoshin, a spokesman for Russia's Ministry of Emergency Situa-

#### Mob 'hitman' arrested

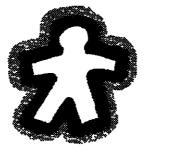
Italian police said they had arrested one of the suspected Mafia killers of a former mayor of Palermo, Giuseppe Insalaco, in 1988. The suspect, Domenico Guglielmino. has been named as a member of the hit squad by a leading mob turncoat, Calogero Ganci. Police gave no immediate details of the circumstances of his arrest. Insalaco was mayor of Palermo for the now defunct Christian Democrat party for four months in 1984. Two gunmen on a motor scooter killed him in his car as he drove in a crowded city street in Palermo on 12 January 1988.

#### Halt, no soliciting

A town in Italy trying to put a stop to prostitution has come up with a novel approach special traffic signs banning love on the streets. One of the signs has a diagonal bar over a silhouette of a woman leaning against a lamp post smoking a cigarette. The other shows two hearts with a similar diagonal bar. The council in the Tuscan town of Aulla said both would be erected after the mayor hanned cars from stopping along a main road where prostitutes and their clients





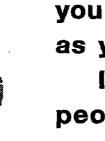


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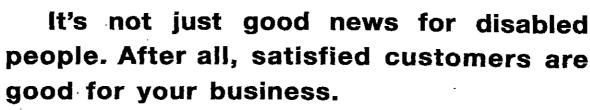


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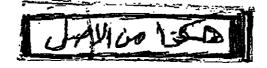












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who exercised a profound influence on its development on a wider European and, indeed, world stage. The friendships and rivalries of Piggott, Grahame Clark, Cyril Fox. Glyn Daniel, Mortimer Wheeler, Richard Atkinson and Christopher Hawkes patterned the development of the subject for 40 years of astounding Born in 1910, Piggott came

from old Berkshire yeoman stock, his father a schoolmaster and his mother a Welshwoman from Breconshire. One might, perhaps, attribute his intense shyness and reticent modesty combined with the scintillating acuteness of his mind to that dual ancestry. Without doubt his profound love of his native Wessex countryside was in his blood and never left him. He also inherited a quite remarkable talent for the graphic arts.

By the age of 16 he was an ac-tive field archaeologist exploring the wealth of the South Downs and the Berkshire Downs. His sketches and notes brought him to the attention of the Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division and its chief, O.G.S. Crawford, and it was this contact that brought him, after a brief apprenticeship in the museum in Reading, to his first archaeological appointment, in 1928 at the age of 18, as an investigator with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of

The fieldwork, in Anglesey, he found a delight, and his "archaeological eye", which never left him, developed at this time. All who ever worked with him, however, will recognise the impossibility of his ever having worked indefinitely within government service, with its emphasis on administration and irksome control (I remember with glee an incident much later when university authorities queried the substantially increased postage bill of Piggott's department, to which he replied in his immaculate italic handwriting, "I think it may

Stuart Piggott was the last of be that we are posting more

**Professor** 

work on the excavation of the Neolithic enclosure at the Trundle, near Goodwood in Sussex. His handling of the pottery and other finds on the site realised his innate ability to assimilate vast bodies of material and also fixed his first great research objective a study of the British Neolithic. Thus he became the obvious choice for Alexander Keiller, the wealthy confectionery magnate, who wished to excavate the Neolithic site at Windmill Hill, near Avebury in

Wiltshire. Piggott became Assistant Director to Keiller in 1933 and it was here that he cut his teeth in the remaining area of archaeological skill - excavation and its management. His excavation career, which was to include work at Stonehenge and West Kennet, was to continue, untainted by non-publication, until his final, and beautiful, excavation of the Neolithic long barrow at Dalladies, near Montrose in Scotland, conducted in

the early 1970s. The excavation at Windmill Hill continued until 1938, and during this time Piggott undertook his second great research project - a study of the Early Bronze Age of Wessex. This project had its origins in Piggott's fascination with the insights and intellectual background of the great antiquarian tradition that was so strongly connected with his Wessex

In 1945 he was awarded the degree of BLitt by St John's Col-

ing around him.

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lege, Oxford, for his study of William Stukeley, published in 1950. His researches into early antiquarian matters, and the proximity of the collections of Devizes Museum to the work at Avebury, brought him into close contact with the products of these researches - the wealth of exotic prehistoric objects retrieved under relatively uncontrolled conditions from the burial mounds of Early Bronze Age chieftains on the rich farmland of Southern

England.

These exotica drew Piggott inexorably into the wider field of European and even Near Eastern archaeology. A massive capacity for reading, and his established ability with the synthesis of material led to a paper, "The Early Bronze Age in Wessex" (Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society, 1938), which 60 years later is still controversial ("Oh! are they still talking about that?" he said when I mentioned it to him

With the Second World War looming, and Windmill Hill completed, Piggott found himself in strange places, among them assisting with the desper-ate rescue of excavations of Sutton Hoo in Suffolk, undertaken in advance of defence construction. His story of the concealment of the great Anglo-Saxon treasure in his jacket pocket while defying the sceptical badinage of the local farmers in a nearby pub, has passed into archaeological folklore; but his destiny was to be more serious and to offer even greater potential.

In 1941 he was gazetted to

the Intelligence Corps and, eventually, was officer in charge pretation (a skill that derived from his association with Keiller) in the Far Eastern theatre. His (somewhat fraught) association with Wheeler developed at this period and they worked together on a number of archaeological projects in In-dia. His book *Prehistoric India* was published after the war in

With the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, Piggott returned to Britain in 1945, having gained the ability to see Europe, ar-chaeologically, from afar. It almost certainly came to him as a great surprise to be invited by Edinburgh University to succeed Vere Gordon Childe, the doyen of European prehistoric archaeology, as Abercromby ("Applecrumble", as Piggott always, irreverently, used to say) Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology.

With characteristic conscientiousness, seriousness (and, one suspects with a will) he immediately set to work expand-

ing and deepening his already established European contacts and knowledge. By 1951 he had conducted one major excavation in Scotland (the hilltop henge at Cairnpapple near Linlithgow) and had submitted for publication his seminal Neolithic Cultures of the British Isles, published in 1954. Almost immediately overwhelmed by the radiocarbon dating revolution, the book still remains, today, an essential starting-point for any serious consideration of the

Much travel in Europe welcomed and feted from Madrid to Moscow - followed. Piggott nonetheless found energy to be an active Commissioner for the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of Scotland, playing a vital role in the restructuring and updating of the commission's practice after the hiatus of the war. He was elected a Fellow of the British

Academy in 1953. It was the years from 1955 to 1965 that saw the concention of what, in my view, was his mag-

num opus. Teaching his courses in his gentle but interactive year. way he slowly built his conception of the unique innovativeness of European culture, working on the foundations

Ancient Europe was published in 1965 and dedicated, characteristically, to "my pu-pils". Piggott retired from the Abercromby Chair in 1977 and since then, as Emeritus Professor, continued his unblemshed stream of publication. In 1976, shortly before he retired, Ruins in a Landscape, a study of early antiquarian thought and method, was published, followed in 1989 by Ancient Britons and the Antiquarian Imagination. his final statement on this

laid by his professional

predecessor, Childe.

In 1983 one of the vital areas of "Europeanness" (in its broadest sense) defined in Ancient Europe, was further explored in his brilliant The Earliest Wheeled Transport, which was followed by the

Antiquaries of London in that

Piggott was still publishing into the early Nineties. Visited regularly by students, colleagues and friends in the cottage he re-tired to in his beloved Berkshire (now Oxfordshire), he was always a most courteous host. He continued to read in his massive library housed in an especially built extension until latterly his sight failed him.

Piggott's beaky nose with his abundant silvery hair lent him a distinguished but not lofty air. He had very clear enunciation and he loved sports cars - driving an MG in his final years at Edinburgh. He would occasionally sport the most extravagant silk waistcoasts, and his precise, slightly pernickety style earnt him the nickname among his students of "Piggins".

By his personality and his intellect he attracted scores of students and colleagues who regarded him with affection as their model and their friend. His death will be to many a beaward to bins of the Gold reavement. Writing in the lat-Medal of the Society of er Eighties a short essay on his

rres impelied me to be an Azitiquary': Piggott, right, with Grahame Clark on a Cambridge student field class at Stonehenge, 1953 own life, again with characteristic modesty, Stuart Piggott quoted as his alter ego the antiquary John Aubrey (1626-97), born at Kington in Wiltshire -"Surely my startes impelled me to be an Antiquary, I have the strangest luck at it, that things drop into my mouth!"

Roger Mercer

Stuart Piggott, archaeologist: born Petersfield, Hampshire 28 May 1910; Abercromby Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology, Edinburgh University 1946-77 (Emeritus); FBA 1953; CBE 1972; publications include British Prehistory 1949, Pre-historic India 1950, William Stukeley: an 18th-century antiquary 1950, Neolithic Cultures of British Isles 1954, Scotland before History 1958. Approach to Archaeology 1954, Ancient Europe 1965, The Druids 1968, Antiquity D:picted 1978, Ancient Britoss and the Antiquarian Imagination 1939, Wagon, Chariot and Carriage 1992; died West Chillow, Oxfordshire 23 September

### Nicu Ceausesecu

"Here," he said, "Mr Lovel, is a truly remarkable spot."

er; so you see nothing else remarkable? - nothing on

"Indistinctly! - pardon me, sir, but the indistinctness must be in your powers of vision - nothing can be more

plainly traced - a proper agger or vallum, with its cor-

responding ditch or fossa. Indistinctly! why Heaven help

From Sir Walter Scott, The Antiquary, quoted in Stuart Piggott, Ruins in a Landscape (1976)

"It commands a fine view," said his companion, look-

True, but it is not for the prospect I brought you hith-

"Why, yes; I do see something like a ditch, indistinctly

As the Communist era in eastern Europe drew to a close in the late 1980s, few regimes were more brutal obnoxious and surreal than that of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu in Romania. And of all the characters who walked that nightmarish stage, few were regarded as more brutal, obnoxious and surreal than Nicu Ceausescu. the dictator's youngest child, who died yesterday in a Vienna hospital at the age of 45.

Stories abounded in Communist times of Ceausescu's almost manic indulgence in women, alcohol, fast cars, expensive clothes and jewellery, at a time when ordinary Romanians were reduced to living on scraps of meat and nettle soup in unheated, unlit apartments. Ion Pacena, a Romanian intelligence service chief who later defected to the West, told in his memoirs of a banquet at which he saw Nicu pour Scotch over the foreign minister's bead, urinate over a platter of oysters and He also alleged that Nicu had

raped a classmate at the age of acquired his first hoat at 15. and turned into a drunken hooligan at 16, causing car accidents all over Bucharest. Yet some of Pacepa's episodes sound too lurid to be true, and Ceausescu's reputation as a louche and loathsome lunatic was in all probability exaggerated. In the aftermath of the December 1989 revolution. it suited Romania's post-Communist rulers to keep alive his image as a wicked degenerate who abused women and drank spectacular quantities of whisky. By demonising Ceausescu. President Ion Illescu and his followers sought to focus public discontent on the past,

ment, and put distance between the late dictatorship and Romania's new rulers, many of whom had in fact been intimately associated with the Ceausescu regime.

Though the youngest of the three Ceausescu children, Nicu was groomed in the 1980s to be his father's successor, a prospect that gave rise to the quip that Romania was developing "socialism in one family". After serving as head of the Communist youth movement, a stepping-stone to the party leadership, he was transferred in 1987 to run the party organisation in the medieval city of Sibiu.

For the next two years, according to Sibiu residents, he belied his notoriety by working quietly to circumvent his father's grim austerity measures and provide his city with a modicum of well-being. In the last years of his life, he also claimed to have opposed his father's destruction of the old heart of Bucharest, a rampage that resulted in the construction of a grotesque palace for the Communist leadership and avenues with names such as the Boulevard of the Triumph of

When the 1989 revolution broke out, Nicu left Sibiu for Bucharest, but his parents had already fled the capital. Shortly before their execution on Christmas Day, Nicu was arrested and charged with ordering security forces to fire on demonstrators in Sibiu, where almost 100 people had died in the uprising.

Nicu strenuously denied these accusations but, at his trial in 1990, made a joke of them in a way that illustrated the fundamental failings of his character. He apologised to the conceal the shortcomings of court for having an incomplete and cirrhosis of the liver. Yet al-the post-Communist governmemory of the December though the latter disease may



Ceausescu: 'socialism in one family'

events and said that he had been drunk at the time. Romania's state prosecutors

initially charged him with genocide, a manifestly absurd accusation, but eventually changed the indictment to "instigation of aggravated murder". Pre-dictably, he was found guilty and sentenced to 20 years in prison. However, in November 1992, after the charge against him had been changed yet again to mere illegal possession of firearms and his sentence had been reduced to five years, he was quietly set free.

By this time he cut a sorry, gaunt figure, chain-smoking, his life empty of purpose, and his body racked with hepatitis

have been caused by years of heavy drinking, Ceausescu had only a mild form of the illness when it was first diagnosed in 1989. Friends of Nicu suspected that the disease acquired fatal dimensions only because Romania's post-Communist rulers denied him access to proper medical treatment. li was perbaps some conso

lation, as his life approached its premature end, that many Romanians chose to view Nicu with nity rather than hatred. He is survived by his brother Valentin and his sister Zoia.

Tony Barbe Nicu Ceausescu, politician: born 1951; married (marriage dissolved); died Vienna 25 September 1996.

Alex Manoogian was perhaps and set up his own trading the world's richest Armenian. An exile from his native land, which he left at the time of the genocide of the Armenians under the Ottoman Turks, he built up a Fortune 500 company in the United States and amassed a multi-million-dollar fortune, becoming the leading philanthropist of Armenian causes. Despite his huge charitable donations he was a modest, private

spend money needlessly on himself. Manoogian was born in Kasaba, near Smyrna (now Izmir), in the Ottoman Empire, in 1901, the son of a wealthy Armenian grain and raisin trader. As a young boy he served as an altar-server in the local church and wanted to be a priest. But life was to be different. These were turbulent times for the Armenian community in the

man who resented having to

Ottoman Empire. The Young Turks had begun their campaign to deport or exterminate the large Armenian community from their midst. More than 1 million Armenians are believed to have been murdered or died in harrowing circumstances in 1915-18 in this century's first genocide. The Armenian community all but disappeared from Anatolia, those who survived barely managing to drag themselves on forced marches through the desert and into Syria and Palestine.

Manoogian was lucky. His home town was near an international port and was thus spared extermination or deportation. Alex's father, Takvor. apparently maintained good relations with the local Turkish authorities even as the killings were going on elsewhere. After completing school the young Manoogian, at the age of 17, borrowed money from his father

company. But, uncertain of the future in the troubled region, Manoogian decided that his best chances lay elsewhere.

Alex Manoogian

He set sail for the United States and arrived like countless other immigrants at Ellis Island, on 20 May 1920, with two suitcases and just \$50 in his pocket. Although he knew five languages, English was not one of them. He worked for a succession of Armenian bosses, once polishing spoons in a silver shop, and taught Armenian in evening classes. He soon met Harry Ajamian,

who taught him the essentials of tooling screws and bolts. Aiamian became his brother-inlaw and also a partner in Manoogian's first company, Masco, set up in the Detroit suburb of Taylor in 1928 on the eve of the stockmarket crash. When Manoogian's two partners left the company, Manoogian was on his own as chairman, president and chief executive. By hard work the company prospered and, when it went public in 1936, was the first Armenian-owned company to be listed on the stock exchange, first in Detroit and

later in New York. Masco's big break came when the Ford Motor Company suddenly needed a part within 24 hours for the launch of a new model. No other firm in Detroit was prepared to take on the job at such short notice. Manoogian produced the part with an hour to spare, reportedly earning the praise of Henry Ford: "Young man, you're

going places."
Manoogian later decided to reduce his dependence on the Detroit car companies and branched out into other areas. If Ford provided his first big break his fortune was made with



'Why wouldn't people want to do something with one hand rather than two?

the mixer tap. In 1952 he was approached by acquaintances who tried to interest him in their invention; a ball valve joint that would allow a tap to run hot and cold water together. Manoogian was enthusiastic. Why wouldn't people want to do something with one hand rather than two?" Together they put the tap into

production and, when plumbing shops said there would be no market for it, Masco decided to market it himself. The fortune was made. By last year the company had sales of \$3bn in home furnishings and building products. Nearly \$700m of this still comes from taps. Manoogian was to run the company until 1985.

Mannogian was a private man who set great store by family life. In 1931 he married a musician, Marie Tatian, in New York, and they had two children, a daughter Louise and a son Richard. Richard was gradually brought into the company, becoming Masco president, and later chairman as well.

However, it was Manoogian's philanthropic activity that one son, one daughter); died brought him respect and even Detroit 10 July 1996.

reverence from the world-vide Armenian community. He joined the Armenian Gereral Benevolent Union (a charity founded in Cairo in 1906) in the 1930s. As his donations increased his stature in the organisation increased. In 1953 he was elected to the AGBU central board, becoming international president. After 37 years at the helm, it was to his daughter Louise that he handed on the presidency.

It is estimated that Manoogian gave about \$80m to charitable causes. Some \$50m went to support Armenian schools throughout the world, from Iran to Latin America, \$15m to churches and monasteries and at least \$10m to artists, musicians and scholars. It was Manoogian tho stepped in to save the Armenian Catholic monastery at San Lazzaro in Venice afterlit faced ruin in the wake of a windle. He gave large sums to the now independent Armenian Republic which, towards the end of the Soviet era, suffered a devastating earthquake and terrible poverty after war broke out with Azerbaijan over the enclave of Nagorno-Karabalh. Schools and streets are named after him in Armenia and other countries around the world.

The independent Armenian state soon recognised Manoogian's contributions. In 1994 he became the first fliaspora Armenian to receive the award Hero of the Armenian Nation and he was granted honorary

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Alex Manoogian, industrialist and philanthropist: forn Kasaba, Ottoman Empire 1901; married 1931 Marie Tatian (died 1992;

#### DEATHS

COLCHESTER: Nico. Suddenly of a heart attack in New York on 25 Sep-tember aged 49, Beloved husband of Memorial service in London to be

EDWARDS: On 22 September, Rene SDWARDS: On 22 September, Rene Ethel, aged 75, beloved wife of Fred-erick. Funeral service at \$1 Mary's, Hampton, on Wednesday 2 October at 11.15am. Flowers to G.S. Keats, Hampton Hill, by 10 am or donations to the British Red Cross Society. REISS: Mangaret. Died peacefully in Cambridge on 24 September 1996. Beloved wife of the recently de-ceased Bernard and loving mother of Stephen, the late John, Catherine and Matthew. Foneral Mass will take place on Tuesday 1 October 48 or place on Tuesday 1 October. All en-quiries to Cambridge Funeral Scr-vices, telephone 01223 415255.

#### Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

## MARRIAGES

OWEN-PICKERING: On 21 September, at West Lodge Park, Hertford-shire, James, son of Stephen and Dorothy Owen of Southoort, and Helen, daughter of Peter and Marie Pickering of Finchley, London.

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### Birthdays

Miss Diane Abbott MP. 43; Mr Louis Auchinloss, attorney and author, 79: Miss Josephine Barstow, soprano, 56: Sir Roger Birch, former Chief Constable of Sussex, 66; Mr Philip Blacker, jockey, 47; Baroness Blackstone. educationist, 54: Mr Michael Colvin MP, 64; Miss Barbara Dickson, singer, 48; Miss Michele Dotrice, actress, 48; Vice-Admiral Ian Garnett, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, 52: Mr Kenneth Gill former president, Saatchi & Santchi. 75; Sir Ålexander Graham, former Lord Mavor of London, 58; Mr Nicky Haslam, interior designer, 57: Sir Peter Holmes, former chair-

MP, 67; Mr Denis Lawson, actor, 49; Professor Geoffrey Martin, histori-an, 68; Miss Barbara Murray, actress, 67: Mr Robin Nedwell, actor, 50; The Rev Professor Dennis Nineham, tiseologian, 75; Mr David Peake, former chairman, Kleinwort Benson, 62; Mr Arthur Penn, theatre and film director, 74; Mr Ian Plenderleith, Government Broker, 53; General Sir Ian Riches, former Commandant-Gen-eral, Royal Marines, 88; Lord Shep-herd, former Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, 78; Mr Alvin Stardust, rock singer, 54.

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Anniversaries man, Shell Transport and Trading Co. Births: St Alfonso Maria dei Liguori, 64; Mr Gordon Honeycombe, author theologian, 1696; George Cruikand broadcaster, 60; Sir John Hunt shank, illustrator and caricaturist, 1956; Sir Norman Brookes, tennis

1792; Louis Botha, first prime minister of South Africa, 1862; Rosa Lewis (Rosa Ovenden), hotelier, 1867; Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin, Russian leader and journalist, 1888; George Raft, actor, 1895; Sir William Empson, poet and critic, 190n; Sir Martin Ryle, Astronomer Royal, 1918. Deaths: William of Wykeham. bishop and founder of Winchester College and New College, Oxford, 1404; Marco Girolamo Vida, bishop. humanist and poet, 1566; St Vincent de Paul, priest, 1660; Laurence Eusden, poet, 1730; Remy de Gourmont, writer, 1915; Hilaire-Germain Edgar Degas, painter, 1917; Engelbert Humperdinck, composer, 1921; Sir Aristide Maillol, painter and sculp-

tor, 1944; Gerald Finzi, composer,

#### Fields, singer and entertainer, 1979, On this day: the Society of Jesus was founded, 1540; Mount Ararat was climbed for the first time, 1830: Warsaw surrendered to the German forces, 1939; the first London performance of the musical Hair was

presented, 1968; Today is the Feast

Day of St Barrog or Barnoch, S

Elzear of Sabran and St Vincent de

champion, 1968; Dame Gracie

Lectures Victoria and Albert Museum: "The Art of Savile Row Tailoring", talk and demonstration by tutors from the

London College of Fashion, 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: John Thompson, "The Work of Bruce Nauman", 1pm.

#### Legal Year

The Legal Year begins in October and courts will sit for four terms during the year. 1996/97 term dates are: Michaelmas | October - 20 December, Hi-lary 13 January - 26 March: Easter & April -23 May: Trinity 3 June - 31 July. · Law Reports in the Independent return on i October.

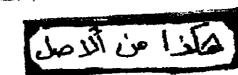
#### Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 6.33pm. United Synapopers 8171-323 A386. Federation of Synapopers 0181-322 Z263. Unlong of Liberal and Progressive Synapopers 0171-539 1663. Reform Synapopers of Great Beliatur 0181-349 4731, Spanish and Portuguese Jera-Congregation 0171-289 2573. New Jondon Synapoper (Manorin: 0171-328 1026.

The Princess Royal attends the Seminar "Food Agriculture and Agribusiness - Future Chaltenges and Opportunities" at the Royal Agricultural College, Circancesure, Gloucestershire: as Patron the National tershire; as Patron the National Association of Citizens Advice Bu-reaux, attends the Annual General Meeting at York University, Healing-ton, York Princess Margaret, Presi-dent, the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Crueltu in Children, vis-Prevention of Cruelty to Children, visits the Society's Killen Family Resource Centre, Avoch, Ross-thire.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Oueen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Harn, Let Battalion Irish Guards mounts the Opeen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, bandprovided by the Coldstream Guards.



# Let's hear it for the makers of the British buzz

here is a considerable buzz about Britain now" says the advantage: we are good at doing the past and it would be foolish to throw away the national tourism quango as it announces record numbers of visits from overseas. But is it the sound of a fat bumblebee flitting round the bustles and topboots of Heritage Country or the urgent microphone rasp of Jarvis Cocker singing of something Miss Emma Woodhouse would have associated only with the most vulgar and unAnglican of religious experiences? Modern British tourism is poised - like national identity at century's end - between two worlds. Beefeaters or Oasis; Ann Hathaway or the fashion gurus Pearce Fionda.

The Americans, the Japanese and perhaps also the growing numbers of Taiwanese (an interesting reflection of that island's growing wealth and internationalism) probably still come for the olde shoppes, Stonehenge, Hampton Court and the Royal Mile – Britain as pageant, living history, island theme park. In Kansas City, as in Osaka, Britain lives still in the public's imagination as Jane Austen country or, in the Scottish variant, the land of kilted figures looking like a cross between Liam Neeson and Mel Gibson. In such a country soldiers should, as they do, dress up in busbies and parade outside Horse Guards as if George II were still on the throne, the cottages should be thatched and the castle moats deep. It is a form of what the economists call comparative

yen, especially since we are unlikely to earn them from sales of machine tools.

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A few years back cultural commentators of left and right got themselves into a rather silly tangle over whether Heritage was a Good Thing. Some argued that half-timbering was a kind of moral disease and the view from the battlements always backward. Others seemed at times to be arguing that if we all started to dress up in smocks and armour and stand at the entrance to Arundel or Cuizean Castle we would never have to worry about deindustrialisation again. Thankfully we seem to have got over that debate - partly because ancient and modern can never really be dissociated in some neat way. And what do we make of Sense and Sensibility, financed from the United States, directed by a Taiwanese, starring British actors that makes a lot of money worldwide and serves to boost tourism to Devon?

What thwarts the doomsters is the sinuousness, the unpredictability of culture. Tourism is clearly big business and a growing source of employment, but trying to plan for it is usually fatal. We certainly need to protect precious sites such as Avebury and the Abbey; the City of Glasgow has done wonders in plotting the cult of Rennie Mackintosh. But tourism is increasingly also a product of imagination and, among



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younger people, a response to a sense is – like being free and even a little of what and where is new, exciting, cut-

ting edge.
Tourism in Britain is up. More foreigners want to come and visit these shores despite London's capacity to offer urban crime of a frighteningly American kind, as a poor tourist found out near King's Cross the other night. Equally more of us are visiting them. There is a lot more tourism throughout the world and since the number of destinations is limited, you would expect Britain automatically to attract a growing share, even if there was noth-

target for some recent British Tourist Authority promotion) dropping litter in the street without fear of being keelhauled could be one of this country's greatest attractions. The Netherlands are already free but judging by the headgear sported by numbers of Dutch visitors, perhaps Britain has an ultimate liberty - it is a place you can get away with wearing funny hats in public.

Just why numbers are up can only be guessed at. It seems more are repeat visitors and they must be returning to do ing special to see or do here. But there more than revisit Madame Tussaud's or

the Tower. Britain's attractions may have, in part, to do with the Spender phenomenon. If in a television series you project a rather glamorous character against an urban backdrop, the physical surroundings (Newcastle upon Tyne) acquire a new aura of interest and excitement - which is the reason the city fathers and mothers of Birmingham and Leeds have thought about bribing screenwriters to plant detectives or hospital doctors in their fictional midst.

People abroad are seeing or hearing an exciting Britain and want to visit. The association of London and cultural modernity is not new. From Peter the Great hanging out in the pubs of Deptford to young Danes threading the Soho maze to find Carnaby Street in the Sixties, London has, off and on, been where it is at. And, says the British Tourist Authority, it is once again stylish, contemporary and vibrant. They come, in their millions, for Camden Lock in north London but also - officialdom is reticent on this - for semi-forbidden pleasures in clubs and pubs.

Not only London will benefit from this association of Britain and the frontier of what is permitted, of what is to be experienced. How many young people are likely to set a course for Leith after seeing Trainspotting? In a just world Irvine Welsh would find himself being offered a civic banquet for his part in boosting Edinburgh tourist revenues. But the fact is, still, the businessman

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Uphill fight for

organic food

Sir: Recent research on the

and dairy products strongly

The UK has the lowest

switch to organic farming.

European market for organic meat

supports Prince Charles's views on

organic farming ("Charles: King of the Legumes", 20 September).

percentage of organic farmland in the EU and is being obstructed by the relatively small grants offered

by the Government for farmers to

agricultural policy in 1992 provided

incentive for farmers to convert to

members have all granted financial aid and research for the conversion.

Austria has the largest amount of

organic farmland in Europe - 12 per cent of all farmland. Germany

Up to 70 per cent of all organic

foods sold in the UK are imported.

and Denmark have 2 per cent.

Britain has a mere 0.3 per cent.

An increase in organic farming

should not be seen as a threat to

Pushy charities

Six. In recent years I decided to

make smallish contributions to a

much wider number of charities,

having previously supported a few

on a more regular basis. I have been amazed how this has led to a

profusion of repetitive requests for

further donations via my letter box. I

cannot be alone in my reluctance to

give under such persistent pestering.

ANDREW GENTLES

Harrogate, North Yorkshire

AMARJIT SAHOTA

London SWI

intensive farmers - both should co-

exist, allowing the public to decide.

The reform of the common

organic agriculture. Other EU

sometimes get their gongs, true, and prime ministers and opposition leaders do find time in their diaries to fête knickerless dress designers. But a gulf persists between the British culture that foreigners find attractive and what gets recognised as significant and meritorious. There will probably have to be better alignment between the two if the visitors are to keep coming and spending.

who makes the widget gets the accolade

much quicker than the maker of culture

who creates the buzz. Popular singers

## Anyone for a magic potion?

Popeye ate spinach. Asterix drank herbal tea. Rowers and longdistance runners gorge on pasta. For centuries, athletes and warriors have relied on the powers of their food and drink to make them strong. Now the Ministry of Defence has developed its own magic potion to turn our soldiers and sailors into superheroes.

But could there be another motive? What with defence cuts and private finance initiatives, the MoD needs every penny it can get. Hot on the heels of alcoholic glue and isotonic brew, the next new drink to hit the high street could be Martial-ade. Who says the public sector can't innovate?

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### People might just survive cyberdoom

Sir: Ian Angell appears to have overlooked a crucial long-term factor in his ebullient forecast of a mass-unemployment, computerised future ("The signs are clear: the future is inequality", 25 September). In the long term, companies will have to modify their excessive enthusiasm in the face of what the public will tolerate.

The writing is already on the wall. People are becoming angry to have their telephone inquiries answered by recorded voices that give them a time-wasting and inadequate selection of "options". Downsized driver-only b being seen to be consumerunfriendly, as queues wait to board in the rain and traffic is congested

operation on to the (unpaid) public. People will do the horsework of shopping by trudging with laden trolleys. They will fill their own petrol tanks (again, often in a downpour). And they will act as

long. There is already a longing for person-to-person dealings be those who entice the most custom not by robots, but by a wellstaffed and human service.

Sir. I presume Professor Angell is using the royal "we" when he says. "We are entering an age of hopelessness, an age of resentment, an age of rage." For the rage is surely his own; rarely has such spleen been vented in the name of journalism.
As a consultant working in

organisations that are "downsizing, delayering and outsourcing" I know better than most how difficult the employment market is. But has he considered that while "productivity is delivered by a technology needing only a few machine-minders" someone has to design, produce, market and service those machines?

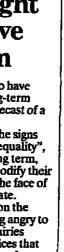
The world of work is changing profoundly, but it is not grinding to the cataclysmic halt Professor Angell envisages. I know because I work with people, not theories, and those people are still finding ways to earn a living, whether the ways that Professor Angell deems suitable or not.

His anger is magnificent, but I hope the "huge number of soon-tobe-unemployed" use their own common sense and listen to the voice of reason rather than the thetoric of an angry man. MELISSA HAWKER Wisbech, Cambridgeshire

Sir. Nothing can be done in economic and political circles today without some reference to globalisation, low Third World wages, and the end of the nation state. It is all nonsense. Foreign trade is no higher a proportion of our activity than it was in 1914. foreign investment far lower.

Low wages in the Third World? First, these usually reflect low productivity. Second, most of the trading partners of the UK with which one associates low wages, such as Taiwan, actually don't have

low wages any more. End of the nation state? Until the 20th century there were no assports, no immigration controls, border controls, little tax in most Leeds



by buses held up at stops. It is easy enough to be "profitable and efficient" if you simply pass the labour costs of your their own switchboard operators by obediently pressing buttons. But they will only do this for so

customer-pampering – and the successful firms of the future will IAN FLINTOFF London SW6

> nations. The gold standard meant autonomy in monetary policy was severely restricted. Today, there are more nations than ever, they have more control over their citizens than ever, they are richer than ever. MATTHEW J TURNER ondon NW3

Sir: Starting, as he ends, with Nietzsche, Ian Angeli seems to identify himself as an omniscient Superman for whom the use of the conditional is foreign, as the nexorable future of humanity is already revealed. Of course, professors of information systems are members of the clite, those "few entrepreneurial knowledge workers" with "unique skills"; so he can afford to display contempt for the rest of us. RON PORTA London N15

Sir: There has been some real nonsense written about globalisation, but this has to take the biscuit. Off-planet banking?
Off-planet journalism more like, It confirms my impression that your commentary page will now publish anything that contains the words new, global, age, and information, arranged in more or less any order. CHRIS SAVAGE London SE10

McOutrage

Sir. Might I suggest that any of your readers who bear the name McDonald join forces and instigate proceedings against a certain fast food chain for using their name? ("Big Mac chews out little Mrs McMunchie", 24 September)

#### Xenophobic eye on the hustings

Sir: It is now a truism that one of the most fateful failures of our early post-war foreign policy was to decline offers to the UK by victors and vanquished alike, as the only combatant European nation to avert both hostile occupation and defeat, to accept the leading role in Western Europe's new structuring, designed to prevent ever again our Continent being ravaged by internecine conflicts. Our governments of the day believed any such achievement was anyhow unattainable, with or without us. Fifty years later, we are in danger of making the same mistake again.

How anyone sensible can attack Kenneth Clarke for doing his best to see this does not happen passes my comprehension ("Can anyone fill Clarke's shoes?", 25

September). Of course HMG, especially the Prime Minister himself, go on staunchly reiterating that we are determined to be "at the heart of Europe". Up to now the only evidence of this proud aim, as seen by our mainland partners, is Britain's readiness in the Council of Ministers to administer cardiac arrests whenever it is thought, rightly or wrongly, that our national

interests could be adversely affected. What makes this situation worse is a growing suspicion by many Conservatives who are neither obsessed Europhiles nor wets nor unpatriotic lefties, that the true motivation of some of our Tary

Euro-sceptics is to put their faith in to his study. When we arrived there narrow nationalist attitudes, tinged it was found that the key for the narrow nationalist attitudes, tinged with xenophobia, to try to ensure that enough popular sentiment is whipped up to secure a fifth Conservative term in office. Sir FREDERIC BENNETT Aberangell, Powys

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#### MI5 and Wilson's resignation

Sir: I have just seen the video of the recent Channel 4 production of Harold Wilson's resignation in 1976. I feel, for the sake of record, I should add a few details which give a better perspective. In 1974 Harold Wilson

telephoned me in the afternoon of the day before he was appointed Prime Minister and asked me to come to his house in North Street. He began the conversation by saying that he expected to be called to Buckingham Palace the next day. He then stated that he had decided to accept this office for a period of two years at the utmost. I asked him the reasons and he replied that there were medical and personal reasons that made it impossible for him to retain this office as Prime Minister for longer. He told me that even with a short period he had been "the longest-serving Prime Minister". He said that he could not carry the "burden" any longer.

After the Prime Minister had taken office he invited me to a private luncheon at Downing Street. I was again alone at this meeting. After lunch he invited me to come

study could not be traced. He had therefore not used this study before, and after waiting for about 15 minutes, the key was produced. As we were settling down in Mr Heath's study he looked around the room and said, in a joking way, "You can talk quite frankly to me in here. There is only you, I and MI5
listening," pointing to a hole in the
wall where some picture had been
previously removed.

Within a month of Harold Wilson's appointment I happened to meet his doctor, whom I knew fairly well. He committed no indiscretion but gave me a hint as to his medical condition. Prior to this meeting I had always admired Mr Wilson's fabulous memory and it was already clear to me, when I spoke to Harold Wilson this time, that his memory was very good but as was apparent from previous

discussions, not as accurate. I strongly believe that Harold Wilson's preoccupations with MI5's investigations were somehow connected with his progressive medical state. I think Harold Wilson was very intrigued with MI5's interest but had an ironic attitude towards it. He always considered them as being a somewhat ridiculous attempt to unsettle his position. I can never remember an occasion when he mentioned these

facts without a smile. He resigned exactly on the date he had told me. Lord KISSIN House of Lords

off the Net

Keep censors

Sir: At last, a well-researched nonsensationalised article on the Internet ("The net effect is confusion", 24 September). Unlike some upmarket Sundays who should know better, The Independent's article by Andrew Brown and Charles Arthur provided a clear explanation of the problems of censoring the Internet.

However, the article compared

Internet service providers (ISPs) with BT when discussing the transmission of Internet porn, when the analogy should be with the Post Office, Pornographic material, much of it illegal in both country of origin and receipt, is also sent through the post. If the Dent is inat 151's are dreaking the law because they are storing this material on their computers, then so is the Post Office, which is storing the material in its sorting offices. Are the police suggesting that all mail from, say Amsterdam, should be opened and inspected for pornography? Will the Post Office be charged if illicit material is discovered?

Perhaps the argument is not about pornography at all. There must be many people who feel that the proposed censorship of the Internet is more to do with preventing the free flow of information. How many of us would like to have all our mail checked by the authorities before it arrived, if at all, through our letter boxes? Censoring the Internet would be the first step. JOHN A URE

Sir: Andrew Brown and Charles Arthur are quite correct in their conclusions about the risks to children on the Internet. There is a document on the Net called Child Safety on the Highway which gives suggestions about letting children use the Internet. These include making sure that whenever the child does venture out on to the Net, there is a parent with him or her at the computer. This is not a question of censorship or freedom of expression; parents have to take responsibility for their children in this as in other things. RICHARD SCHMIDT London NW3

#### Timely ideas

Sir: Last Tuesday (17 September), in your series on the New Establishment, Peter Popham described the IPPR as "a think tank that is one of new Labour's most important sources of ideas." Today (25 September) we are "too shackled to traditional Labour positions to come up with anything new". For your newspaper a week is obviously a very long time in politics. GERALD HOLTHAM Director

Institute for Public Policy Research London WC2

#### Pity the barman Sir. In the debate about extending

drinking hours I have seen no

mention of the poor bar staff. My son was a barman for five years. When time was called for 11 o'clock, he was often there until 12 or 12.30 clearing and washing up, all for £3-£3\_50 an hour. Nobody chooses to be a barman as a career. Please spare a thought for these people working at unsocial hours (social to you), including bank holidays and Christmas Day, for small recompense. STELLA DRAKE

Camberley, Surrey

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# The awful niceness of Daddy Paddy's army



Suzanne **Moore** takes the seaside temperature of the Lib Dems - a party ready to do more than think the

unthinkable

unwearable

and wear the

Brighton I have to dmit I had only two reconceptions about the Liberal Democrats. They are prepared to think the unthinkable and to wear the unwearable.

Beyond that I had only a vague idea of what they were for. Everyone told me that they are a decent bunch, nice people, niceness itself personified in the manly figure of Paddy Ashdown.

On first impressions this was certainly true. Everyone seemed very nice. Party workers do embroidery in between making sure you haven't got a bomb in your bag. They have some super-nice MPs like Simon Hughes and some of their polices are about making the world a nicer place. You can't disagree with niceness but after a while this unremitting niceness

They struggle hard not to be desperate to appear honest, straight-talking, full of backbone and resolve. Well, Paddy does, at least. Others spend a lot they are not going to get into bed with people who would not try and get them into bed in the first place. That must be why because he was drying out from they make such an effort not to the night before. He fell asleep look attractive.

As so many of us do not know what they stand for, a lot of time is dedicated to definition. Even I cottoned on to the fact that they are not the Labour or the Tory party, but it's a confusing business. The problem with

The problem with Labour is that it's too Tory. The problem with the Tories is that they are what they say they are, and so must

The solution to all this mess is to vote for the Lib Dems, who promise to make a Labour government nicer than it would otherwise be, which is a strange kind of reason for voting. The Lib Dems are fond of

words such as plurality and diversity, insisting that there are in fact five parties: two kinds of Tories and two kinds of Labour. But what of their own diversity?

They certainly attract a lot of people with disabilities but you are not allowed to mention this and everyone gets embarrassed when you do. There didn't seem to be many young people at conference at all. I found some in the bar and asked them if there were any others. Yes, they explained, there were lots of so pleasant. Instead, they are young Lib Dems but they wouldn't be in the hall, they would too busy working at party stuff.

Obviously lots of Lib Dems are too busy to attend conferof time moaning about how ence because the hall was halfempty most of the time. One guy admitted to me that he had missed the leader's speech during the lunchtime Neigh-bours and woke up just as Paddy

was finishing. He should think himself lucky because Paddy didn't really know how to finish. The art of a good speech is surely knowing how and when to end it. Paddy

might as well have said "Well, I better be going now....

At least the debauched Lib Dem didn't have to sit through Ashdown's dire promo that showed Paddy pushing various boats out, taking off his jacket in slow motion, dashing around the country frantically nodding at ordinary people. This is the son of Beyond Westminster - the video of Ashdown's book you didn't buy.

paigning that we have imported from America. Yet that hasn't stopped him going in for dread-ful Clintonesque positive cam-paigning in which he comes on as a cross between a Mills and

Boon hero and a manager from one of those "listening" banks. If you respond to Paddy the patriarch this is all fine. Daddy Ashdown will look after you. If Blair is your older brother who went off to college and became serious and Major is some boring relative that you have to put up with on special occasions, then Daddy Paddy is tremendously reassuring.

Yet, as always, gender is the great unmentionable of party politics. A debate about the Agency was conducted with no mention of the relations between men and women. But I guess that would be too nasty. I went to several fringe meetings at which all the speakers were male. They don't even bother with the token women palaver like Labour. Yet you can only

spread Emma Nicolson and her it for themselves and he was the dazzling array of gold blouses so

The "Voices of Women" meeting soon demonstrated how far they have to go in this respect. The chair insisted on addressing members of the audience as "the lady in green" or "that lady over there."

A couple of fabulously bolshie women-of-a-certain-age at the back kept shouting "woman, Paddy then spoke eloquently not lady." Eventually exasperof the scourge of negative cam- ated, one of them stood up and exclaimed "I'm not a lady in red I'm a woman in banana." When the meeting ended, the scattering of men there were thanked

What for? Being men? Being liberal? The troublesome women at the back started booing and mock praying to them. What kind of Lib Dems were these, I wondered. "No, we're in the Labour Party. We're just here for a look," one of them told me. "What a load of rubbish."

n masse the Lib Dems tend to behave as a pantomime audience. scrapping of the Child Support at the mention of certain names - John Birt, The Daily Telegraph. Andrew Neil - and a big boo to anyone who suggests that they are not going to win the election.

> Yet it's all very good-natured. I found only one person who talked about seizing power, of radical politics, of people doing

listen to his leader's speech. Power, though, does seem to be the crux of the matter. Otherwise why bother? Several people explained to me that they

didn't actually want to be "in Empowerment is another word

> This makes good sense if you are a pressure group or involved in extra-parliamentary politics and you believe that politics is too important to be left to politicians. Yet in an arid political landscape the Lib Dems appear to want to have it both ways. Their appeal is that they can be honest and thoughtful because they are not going to govern. But at the same time they have to behave as though they might. Their extra-parliamentary

> instinct has to be tempered by more traditional rationale. The idea that while they sit secure in their own individual identity their leaders are powerbroking with the Labour Party upsets them. Indeed, there is a touching kind of innocence about the way they operate. They must have a hard core of anti-spin doctors because while complaining that they don't get enough media coverage they seem unsure of what to do with

> it once they get it. Charles Kennedy turning up late for a World at One radio dis-

exclaimed, "Oh, is this a programme? I see." At the same discussion Vincent Hanna informed the incredulous audience that there were actually two conferences going on, the artificial one in the hall and the real one of press briefings that the media attended. "It is the

pen, frank democ-

I'm all for redefining what power is and I suppose if you are in this particular party it's impor- opposite of open, frank democracy. Don't be naive about it." tant to redefine what winning is. that gets bandied about a lot.

a meeting to see if the Lib Dems were the sole guardians of civil liberties. Unfortunately, halfway through the talk, someone knocked on the door and said that they had booked the room. This resulted in some mumbled apologies and everyone trooped out somewhat demoralised. Are these people going to protect our civil liberties when they can't even

stand up for our rights to finish a discussion in a stuffy hotel room? Still, the task of a liberal is to protect the liberties of those you despise. That's what Paul Weller - no, disappointingly, not that Paul Weller - said during the gun debate before he was gamed down, sorry, hissed at. Mind you, he was the sort of liberal who is against scat-belts and

> They do some nice individual turns. Alex Carlisle cruising Liberal I coolly round the hall, Archie you like.

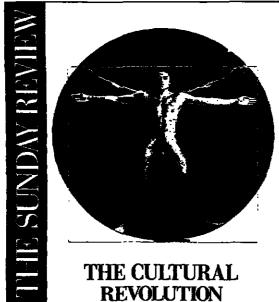
crash helmets.

Kirkwood coming over all Bob Geldof and appealing for money -"Do it now." Someone got a prize for getting more punters into the party, which made the man behind me very grumpy. "They're bloody breeding up there - that's what they're doing." Everyone else seemed pleased that Paddy had shown his hand on Europe and taxation, that some sort of truth was

being told. Wandering around the stalls pen, frank democ-racy, now that's excited. They care terribly about something to aspire animals, voluntary euthanasia to. So I went along to the next conference venue. Outside a lonely man with another lost cause, Esperanto, handed out leaflets. "Esperanto," they begin helpfully, "is about things (Nouns). Esperanto is about actions (Verbs). Esperanto has words to describe things

(Adjectives)". The Lib Dems are about things and words too, but the action bit seems sadly missing. The third force of British politics may be overwhelmingly decent but feels fundamentally useless. This was brought home to me in the "Take courage for the future" conference directory. In the middle of it is a diary. It reads "Your pullout (if you like) Conference Diary. You either pull the bloody thing out or you don't It seems very peculiar to me that one has to be instructed to do as you please. But I guess that's what Liberal Democracy is about, if

#### IN THIS WEEKEND'S INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY



Kate Winslet (right), star of Jude and Sense and Sensibility, is Hollywood's favourite young British actress. Tim de Lisle enjoys a revealing interview

Plus: the best of British hotel life, the prehistory of sex, the confessions of the McLibel Two, and Helen Fielding, Michael Bywater and Ben Pimlott

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## When the master's voice wears thin



Miles Kington

The first said: "Doctor, I've got Bright's disease, and he's got

Answer: SJ Perclman. Who, when asked to define the difference between Mel Brooks and Woody Allen, said: "That's easy. Woody Allen is funny"?

Answer: SJ Perciman. Who started this description of a train journey to Hollywood from New York? "The whistle shrilled and in a moment I was chugging out of Grand Central's

dreaming spires followed by the anguished cries of relatives who would now have to go to work. I had chugged only a few feet when I realised that I had left without the train, so I had to run back and wait for it to

Answer: SJ Perelman, and when I first read that, I thought it was the funniest kind of writing in the world. However, it is almost

always a mistake to go back to the cherished writers of yesteryear, to the books you were in love with in the formative years, for fear they have meanwhile changed into a pile of old leaves or a handful of dust.

Some writers, I think, are foolproof. I could never get tired of Lewis Carroll or Richmal Crompton, or the Sherlock Holmes stories, But other writers who you thought were equally resistant to the dry rot of time can turn out to be riddled with woodworm and death watch

It's been happening to me this week with SJ Perciman, whose book The Swiss Fam-

this week on Radio 4, and as old American tourist going I have listened I have felt my heart sink and my laughter muscles go rusty from lack of

Which is extraordinary. because in my late teens and early twenties he was the writer I thought the funniest in the world and the one I most wanted to be like. People sometimes say, "Oh. Perelman - didn't he write the script for the Marx Brothers?" Well, no, he didn't. He tried one film for them, and the general agreement was that his dialogue was unsayable. It read well on the page but got no laughs

when anyone said it. I didn't know this when I first met his writing - I only knew his Penguin collection of New Yorker pieces, Crazy Like a Fox, and I knew that on the page his stuff was the cleverest and wittiest stuff in the world. After which I spent a year or two trying to imitate Perelman and another 20 or 30 trying to get out of the

Because if you go down the Perelman path you end up like the Perelman of Swiss ily Perelman has been read Family Perelman, a grumpy

round the world, grumbling about bureaucracy and swindling natives and deriving humour only from long or recondite words.

It's a disease that sometimes overwhelms humorists late in life, this belief that obscure or exotic words are funny. On his trip round the world Perelman uses words like "myriad" and "suasion" and "fundament" and "burgeon" all the time. "Several bottles of Polish vodka burgeoned on the table", he writes, or "He scratched his fundament to get his circula-

tory system going". No he didn't. He scratched his bottom. It isn't funny to say "fundament" instead. It isn't funny to say that bottles of vodka "burgeoned" on the table instead of "appeared" it's just long-winded.

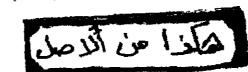
This, admittedly, was late-period Perelman, when he was old and tired, and needed the money, so he was just going through the motions and flagellating his prose style with big words when you expect small ones, and slang ones when you expect ordinary ones.

But I have dug out some of his early stuff again as well, and I am horrified to find that all the signs are there already, that the early Perelman was also stuffed with words such as "fraught", and "pinguid" and "sudorific" and oleaginous" - words that pad out the prose like twisted up bits of paper at the bot-

tom of a box of chocolates.... So is it always fatal to go back, then? Is Radio 4's message to us never to look back? Well, no, because another new programme on Radio 4 proves that sometimes you must look back.

Gerry's Bar is a series of mullings and monologues on life in Ireland by Gerry Anderson which are as rich. funny and observant as anything by Garrison Keillor or Bill Bryson or other bestsellers. The man who was so cruelly betrayed by being per-suaded to do Anderson Country has gone back to the wonderful form he showed previously on a Radio 4 series of musings on Londonderry called Stroke City, and shows that when he is out there on his own, he is - well, out there

on his own.



# The trouble with trying to predict the economy

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It is true that there are some ambiguities in the figures, but the clear trend over the last two

years has been a gradual rise in employment, with virtually all the new jobs coming in small

firms or from self-employment.

Next, fiscal policy: tighter fiscal policy depresses the economy. Of course, it must to

some extent: the big squeeze in France and Germany to meet the Maastricht criteria is clearly

depressing the economies there. But the gradual tightening of fiscal policy here has not stopped the economy at all.

Things such as confidence, low

interest rates and a competitive

currency seem much more pow-

Seven concerns tax rates

The usual expectation would be that higher tax rates increase

revenue. But that is not invar-

iably so. Take income tax. In

1979, when the top rate of tax

on earned income was 83 per

cent, the richest 10 per cent of

the country paid 11 per cent of

income tax revenue. Now, with

the top tax rate at 40 per cent,

they pay 17 per cent. It may well be that a rise in top tax rates

Number eight: investment.

would cut revenue.

erful drivers of growth.

ust when economists think they understand some economic relationship, it goes and changes on them. It happened this week. Two under-reported items show how economic relationships

how economic relationships which people thought were pretty secure are no longer so.

One story was the current account figures for the second quarter of this year. They were in surplus. Now, that ought not to have happened. Exports have not been particularly wonderful because of the nearderful, because of the nearrecession in Continental Europe; imports have been rising thanks to the growing con-sumer demand at home. The current account was in the red during the first three months of the year and everyone thought it would stay there. But thanks to strong exports of services and investment income from abroad, it was in the black to the time of £457m, the largest quarterly surplus for nine years.

The second story concerns growth. Most economists thought that growth had paused early this year; manufacturing was in recession, and early estimates of second-quarter growth confirmed this. Now the figures have been revised; it seems that growth was pretty good in the second quarter. Thanks again to strong services and to solid consumer demand. the economy was in fact up 2.2

per cent on a year ago
So on two counts this week the experts - or most of them were utterly wrong. There are many other examples of economic relationships changing so quickly that experience gives little guide to future effects. Here are another eight:

Number three concerns wage inflation. Everyone thought that if there were rapid growth in demand, and unemployment fell too fast, wage rates would start to climb. It

hasn't happened. In the last three months retail sales have shot up at the fastest rate since 1988 and unemployment has continued to fall just about every month. But there has been virtually no rise in wage settlements. Of course, very little sign of it now.

Four follows from this. Most people thought that unemployment could not fall below about 7.5 per cent without a surge in inflation. That was the "natural" (dreadful word) rate. Well, it is down to 7.5 per cent. Maybe - we don't know - it could fall to the 5.1 per cent level of the US without a rise in inflation, maybe even below that. At any rate, the idea that unemployment needs to remain high for a generation is demonstrably wrong.

Number five is that to get new jobs you need large companies to take on more labour. They are all doing precisely the reverse: there are so many stories about job cuts that many people simply won't believe that employment is rising.



Hamish McRae

Our current account is in surplus; growth is up; wages are steady;

wrong

again

Popular economic wisdom inflation holds that more investment will lead to more rapid economic growth. Again, there must be some truth in this, but Britain continues to has tended to invest a smaller proportion of output than most fall. The other countries, and yet since abut 1980 it has grown at much the same speed as other large, economists developed economies. In any case, in a world where capital have got it is intellectual capital as much as (or more than) buildings and factories, maybe our measures

> Number nine follows from this. We suppose that conventional education measures adequately describe quality of education. But maybe countries

of investment are misleading.

teach people the wrong things. The US and UK come out rather poorly on conventional measures of education, yet have the largest and second-largest net exporters of intellectual capital. Japan and Germany come out well, yet are the largest and second-la measure conventional academic achievement; we do not measure creativity.

Finally, a rather different rule which I think

has clearly been broken: that people in Britain get rich by buying houses. The experience of the last eight years has surely put paid to that. The message is not that the old rules are useless, but simply this: economies are living, evolving things of infinite fascination. We have over the last 50 years moved from a manufacturing economy to a service one, and maybe to something beyond that. We will never fully understand what is happening around us, because by the time we do, economies will have

moved on again. And that is why economics

is an exciting subject, at least to economists.

# A Euro-sceptic? Churchill? Never

article after article

has appeared in newspapers pro-claiming that if he were alive today, Winston Churchill would be a Euro-sceptic. These articles are much

more revealing of the state of British journalism than they are of the views of Winston Churchill. How can these journalists write with such certainty and arrogance about the views of a man who may have been dead before they were born? How can they possibly claim to understand Churchill's thinking when they have neither the time nor the inclination to study Churchill's speeches?

The answer is, of course, that they cannot, or rather, should not. They do these things, however, because their newspapers are dancing to the Euro-sceptic tune, and the purpose of their work is to put across this particular point of view, rather than to enlighten the public. I am glad that The Independent is one of a few exceptions that remain committed to a more traditional and ethical form of journalism.
I knew Winston Churchill, 1

worked with him, I stayed with him at his home at Chartwell and I have read his speeches many times. I can assure you that Winston Churchill was no Euro-sceptic. Can anyone seriously imagine any Euro-sceptic today saying, as Churchill did in his renowned Zurich speech 50 years ago, that our task "is to re-create the European Family, or as much of it as we can, and provide it with a structure under which it can dwell in peace, in safety and in freedom. We must build a kind of United States of Europe"? He looked to Britain, with others, to create it and be with it.

I readily accept that at that time Churchill did not envisage Britain being a full member of this united Europe, but in gleefully seizing upon this point, Euro-sceptics have misunder-Stood or misred nature of Churchill's attitude to full British participation in Europe. This reluctance was based on circumstance; it was not opposition based on principle. And the circumstances have changed in such a way that I am sure Churchili would now favour a policy that enabled Britain to be at the heart of the European Union.

What is certain is that Churchill never entertained any of the objections that today's Eurosceptics hold to British participation in a united

By Edward Heath



#### I knew Winston Churchill, I worked with him. I have read his speeches many times. He wanted a United States of Europe

Europe. In the House of Commons debate on the Schuman Plan in June 1950, Churchill asserted: "The whole movement of the world is towards an endence of nations. We feel all around us the belief that it is our best hope, if independent, individual sovereignty is sacrosanct and inviolable, how is it that we are wedded to a world organisation?... How is it that we have undertaken this immense obligation for the defence of Western Europe...? It can only be justified and even tolerated because on either side of the Atlantic it is felt that interdependence is part of our faith and the means

of our salvation." It would, indeed, have been

odd for Churchill to have said French were being overotherwise, for this was the same man who in June 1940, as France was succumbing to Gerproposal. man invasion, wrote, published and propos support of his War Cabinet, the Declaration of Union between Great Britain and France, stating: "The two governments

declare that France and Great Britain shall no longer be two nations, but one Franco-British Union. The constitution of the Union will provide for joint organs of defence, foreign, financial and economic policies. Every citizen of France will enjoy immediately citizenship of Great Britain; every British subject will become a citizen of France." Unfortunately the

whelmed by the Germans and could not respond to his Nor did Churchill agree with

ly's Euro-sceptics (nai British participation in a united Europe would represent a betrayal of our interests and commitments outside Europe. As a man who cared passionately about the Commonwealth, Churchill thought about this matter for a long time, before expresing, in a speech at the Albert Hall in May 1947, his firm conclusion that: "We may be sure that the cause of united Europe, in which the mother country must be a prime mover, will in no way be contrary to the sentiments which join us all

together with our dominions in the august circle of the British

Churchili was reluctant to embrace full British membership of the European Commu-nity only because he believed that Britain was the central pillar of a triumvirate for the maintenance of world order consisting of the Commonwealth as a unit, the United States and a united Europe,

This was a grand vision of Britain's role in the world, but Churchill recognised that it was wholly dependent on the realities of power. It could only work if the Commonwealth was a powerful political unit and if Britain could exercise significant influence over both Europe and the United States.

These conditions may have been met in the early post-war years, but the shifting distribution of power in the post-war world was always working against Churchill's vision of world order, and it was decidedly untenable by the time Harold Macmillan applied to join the European Community in 1961. Decolonisation, while landable, had robbed the Commonwealth of its political cohesion; and the United States and the European Community. blessed with rapid economic growth and confident and outward-looking political leader-ship, were both now far less susceptible to British influence

In these circumstances, Britain could only continue play-ing the role in the world that Churchill had envisaged by joining the European Community. Churchill himself recognised this fact in a letter to his constituency chairman in August 1961, in which he declared, "I think that the Government are right to apply to join the European Economic Community."

Churchili would be the first to realise that in the world today, where an isolated Britain would be dwarfed by five great powers, the United States, Russia, China, Japan and the European Union, Britain's full parpation in the Union is vital, both for Britain and for the rest of the world.

British foreign policy has always been dedicated to the pursuit of peace, freedom and equality, ideals that Winston Churchill so eloquently and nobly advanced. The European Union represents the triumph of these ideals in Europe and offers the British government the opportunity to continue Churchill's work in advancing them throughout the world. We must grasp this opportunity with both hands.

OUR SERIES ON THE PEOPLE JOCKEYING FOR INFLUENCE IN THE LATE NINETIES

he Labour Party is superbly prepared for the job of fighting the election, but what might happen if it wins remains a bit of a blank. After nearly 18 years in opposition, Labour's front-bench experience of power is negligible. So if the party wins, the first months are bound to be a white-knuckle ride. The new government is going to find itself in desperate need of strong, steady, men of the world to see them through.

The ghost of Arnold (Lord) Goodman hovers above this series. Goodman, though never a card-carrying Labour Party mem-ber, was the arch Establishment figure behind the Labour governments of the Sixties and Seventies, because he was powerful in so many separate spheres – law, the arts, the press, business - that he could make all sorts of different things happen; and he was happy to be made use of by Harold Wilson, whether to bang heads together at the Arts Council or mediate with Im Smith on Rhodesia. "He is a kind of universal joint," Anthony Sampson wrote in 1972, "always able to join one bit of scaffolding to another... [he] has become indispensable as an adviser and settler of disputes, cajoling, defining and settling ... not only between people but between institnings. "His hulking trame, bushy eye-brows and commanding growl of a voice dominated the dining tables of power year

After year.
No single contemporary figure can fill Goodman's shoes, but if PM Blair is prudent he wall carry in his breast pocket a list of the best equivalents, people he can scream for when the wheels come off.

Roy (Lord) Jenkins is too old (nearly 76) and dignified to gallivant à la Goodman. But as Chancellor of Oxford University, president of the Royal Society of Literature and co-president of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, not to mention hosoured member of the Athenaeum, Brooks's, Pratt's, the Reform and the Beefsteak, he is the centre left's most Establishment figure by a mile. His betrayal of the party by founding the SDP is no longer an issue. He and Blair talk regularly. the smoothest man who ever carried a rty card, he would be invaluable in set-g ruffled City and business feathers.



THE NEW ESTABLISHMENT Day ten

The fixers

If the going gets tough for Prime Minster Blair, he'll need vell-connected, heavyweight help. By Peter Popham

Two prominent left-leaning academics, Peter Hennessy and Vernon Bogdanor, know the marky workings of the British constitution inside out, and will be ideally placed to hold Blair's hand through his first constitutional crises; both are also known at Court. Of the two, Hennessy is the better bet, because he also has many highly placed friends in the Civil Service.

Dennis Stevenson, wealthy chairman of GPA, the aircraft leasing company, is

the Labour supporter who forged the party's deal with BT that was announced at last year's conference and which so alarmed the Tories. Stevenson knows everybody, helped set up the Demos think-tank and is chairman of the Tate Gallery's trustees.

All these men (no women, as ever) are approaching or over 50. Two younger fig-ures whose brains and networking skills demand to be tapped are the lawyer Anthony Julius (pictured, left) and the Christian Socialist Chris Bryant.

Julius has already distinguished himself both in law, as Princess Diana's representative in the divorce courts, and literature, with an acclaimed study of TS Eliot's anti-Semitism. A party member since his teens, he is standing for election to the executive of the Fabian Society. As a partner in the firm of Mishcon de Reya, and thus a protégé of that Goodmanesque Establishment figure, the Labour peer Lord Mishcon, and expected to take his place when he eventually retires (Mishcon is 81), he could be in line for spectacular

advancement. Bryant will be Blair's spiritual adviser. Anglican priest, Hackney councillor, leading figure in and historian of the Christian Socialist Movement, which has the alle-giance of 20 Labour frontbenchers, including Blair and Brown, he could have a role as the conscience of the government, walking refutation of the charge that new Labour is morally rudderless.

These are about as many names as will fit on a file card. But Blair will need another list, this one of people who may think they have a claim to Establishment status, but who should be rigorously shut out: David Owen: has yet to back a winning

Ken and Barbara Follett: still the unacceptable face of Luvviedom. Can Ken do sthing about his hair, or his red Bentley? David Putmam, Melvyn Bragg, John Mortimer: tireless self-promoters, strongly identified with Labour, but their extraordinary attempt this month to swing the party behind for hunting suggests deep unreliability. Post-election, they can expect rapid marginalisation. And the louder they

squeal, the happier Blair will be.

## Speed is in the eye of the cop

across it east to west, and six heading from the south towards Canada. Its licence plates say Big Sky Country, but they wouldn't be lying if they said Biggest Ever Sky Country.

This is the kind of place that is made for the road movie and even more so since it became the only state in America without a stated speed limit. Surrounded by panoramic horizons and faced with a long, straight and empty road, it's tempting to believe Thelma and Louise are alive, well and driving your car. They do drive fast. And why

not? For 21 years, all Americans had to put up with a federal speed limit of 55 and then 65mph. Last December, Washington finally scrapped this "conservation rule" and left it up to each state to set its own limit. Most set 70mph for inter-

state highways and 60mph for state two-lanes. But Montana is not the home of the Freeman militia for nothing. So welcome to Basic Rule

country. This says you have to drive in a "reasonable and careful manner", taking account of traffic, weather, road conditions and the state of your car. In other words, rely on common sense, not your speedometer, to stay out of trouble. This is selfregulation for Everyman.

feels like a country. It takes 10 hours to drive sure. The concept is good but sure. The concept is good but reality is a little confusing for some. It becomes a matter of my opinion versus theirs. Often people don't think they are doing

anything wrong at 95mph."
But all opinions are not equal on the verge and since Montana scrapped its declared speed limit the number of tickets issued has doubled. So self-regulation has been a big success in one area: it has raised lots of extra cash. Spot fines range from \$70 to \$500 (£45-£325).

It has also led to an increase in what Major Steve Barry of Helena highway patrol calls "official-violator relationships". These turn out to be those unpleasant, roadside affairs we have all vowed to avoid.

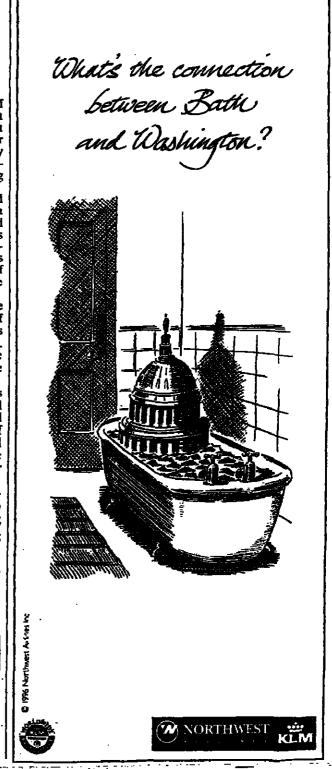
Major Barry gets lot of letters requesting that Montana quit all this commonsense stuff and adopt a normal speed limit. If you go by the current actual average speed, that would be 74mph (up from 72mph under the old, 65mph speed limit).

But there is sense and nonsense. Take the motorist who was stopped last week in Big Horn County for driving at . 130mph. "That's just insane," says Lt Baker. But it's not, really - if Thelma and Louise are chasing you.

Ann Treneman

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY

An article by Patricia Wyun Davies headed "New Labour is awash with lawyers, all waiting for their rewards", published on 24 September, included a passage which suggested that Sir Stephen Sedley, a judge of the High Court, is politically partisan. We accept that this is entirely untrue and express our regret at having published it. To mark our regret we have agreed to make an appropriate payment to a nominated charity,



BT's long hunt for a foothold in the huge French telephones market ended yesterday with a £1.1bn agreement with Compagnie Generale des Eaux, the giant utilities group.

The cash payment buys BT a
25 per cent stake in Cegetel, a newly formed company which ple in Paris.

BT pays

£1.1bn for

foothold

in France

**CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent** 

packages, which were only in-

troduced on Monday, cut some

ISDN connection charges but

increased the price of annual

line rental. Customers were

also offered "bundles" of free

calls which competitors such as

Mercury argued locked them

into BT's service. Mr Cruick-

shank said the new price regime was "extremely disappointing"

because in some cases the total

In addition, BT has gained a

had been courting Compagnie

reach a shared vision".

mobile phone operator through

ownership of 80 per cent of

SFR, France's second largest

cellular phone company in

which CGE already had a large

stake. SFR, which is due to be-

700,000 customers in the under-

Bell, the US operator, and the

nuclear industry ran into fresh

controversy vesterday after shares in AEA Technology, the last state asset to be sold before

the election, raced to a 15 per

cent premium on the first day

of dealing.
The shares ended the day at

323.5p, compared with their offer price of 280p, valuing the

company at £257m - some £33m more than the Govern-

ment raised from the flotation.

A total of 20 million shares

changed hands and at one stage

share price brought back mem-

ories of the Government's first

The spectacular rise in the

they were trading at 332p.

MICHAEL HARRISON

phone market.

cost had gone up.

aims to become the main competitor to France Telecom, the state-owned operator, when the French market is opened up to competition in 1998. It also plugs a crucial gap in BT's network of European alliances secured over the past three years, which include Germany, Spain, ning", he said.
The second phase for Cegetel Italy and most recently the

would be to apply for a licence to operate a fixed phone line Don Cruicksbank, the telephones regulator, yesterday told BT to cut the prices of its to business customers and then at a later stage to higher spendhigh-speed digital ISDN services after complaints from rivals that they were anti-competitive. The new price the ambitious long-term target was to take between 15 and 25 per cent of the total French phone market, currently the second biggest in Europe and

worth £15bn last year.
The drive to build a fixed nettake services under contract from Concert, BT's global busiwith its US partner, MCL

valuable head start in France over AT&T of the US, which The deal brings BT into unlikely partnership with Voda-Generale des Eaux (CGE) affone, its arch-rival in the UK ter being refused permission to take part in the alliance between mobile market, which owns rrance Telecom and Deutsche 16.5 per cent of SFR and has an Telekom. The US group deoption to purchase another 3 clined to say why the talks with per cent. Earlier this year Voda-CGE had failed, apart from a fone paid £300m to buy a 6.5 per cent of SFR, which effectively statement explaining that the two sides had not "been able to valued the French company at £4.66n. This would put a value Cegetel, which has been val-

ued at £4bn, will start life as a Analysts said the £1.1bn cash

come profitable in 1998, has developed French mobile In a complex arrangement CGE will gain a 50 per cent stake in Cegetel, with 15 per cent going to South Western

Comment, page 19 closing price of 239p, down

remaining 10 per cent taken by Mannesmann, the German industrial group. Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief

business

executive, would not reveal how much cash the other partners had injected, but he dis-closed that BT's £1.1bn injection was the largest single cash payment. BT's stake also includes the assets of BT France, which employs 100 peo-

gestions that BT had paid too high a price for the stake in Cegetel in its rush to find a part-ner in France. "We're not deperate to get into the French market ... it's not short term desperation, it's long term plan-

network, offering services first ing households. Sir Peter said

work could include building Cegetel's own fibre optic cable infrastructure and the leasing of capacity from existing networks. CGE already owns a cable tele-vision network though this would not be included in Cegetel's assets. Cegetel would also ness communications venture

of £3.7bn on Cegetel's 80 per cent stake.

price was fair, given the cre-dentials of CGE as France's leading multi-utility empire. "There's nothing outlandish about this deal at all. BT has paid the going rate to get a cred-ible partner in France," said one

**AEA** shares roar up to 323p

another spin-off from the while large applications were The Government's sale of the Atomic Energy Authority, capped at £7.5m.

roared to a 37 per cent premi-um after being underpriced. Peter Watson, AEA Tech-

nology's chief executive, re-

jected suggestions the company

had been sold too cheaply.

"When the process started there was a lot of uncertainty over how to value us," he said.

The Government originally set the price range at 230-270p but increased this is 240-280p

when it became obvious that de-

The offer to intermedianes -

brokers through whom private

investors had to apply for their

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scribed. The average alloca-

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mand would be heavy.

stab at privatisation in 1982 tion was set at a fifth of the the Government.

when Amersham International, number of shares applied for

capped at £7.5m.



Tony Greener, the Guinness chairman (pictured above), has promised an end to pre-Christmas promotional dis-counts on its Johnnie Walker whisky to Gordon's gin spirits portfolio in a effort to end the price deflation that has dogged the drinks industry throughout

the 1990s, writes Tom Stevenson. The company also said it plans a 20 per cent increase in marketing spend on its UK spirits this year to build the strength of its portfolio of brands which Mr Greener admitted had been underinvested in recent years. In a candid recognition of the man-

## Guinness to end Christmas price cuts

ness's shares underperforming the market by more than a third over the past five years, Mr Greener added: "We also learn the lessons of the past -- there is no question that some of the acquisitious of the early 1990s have eroded shareholder value – and some of our

promotions during the recession."

Speaking after Guinness reported interim profits 5 per cent higher at £357m, Mr Greener confirmed that the company had considered both an ac-quisition of rival spirits giant Grand Metropolitan and a demerger of the United Distillers spirits arm from the Guinness Brewing beer division. The company had concluded that neither

holder value and Mr Greener said the emphasis would continue to be on organic growth, bolstered by beavy marketing spending. Surplus funds would be returned to shareholders, as they were earlier in the year when Guinne

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5 per cent rise in profits and an 8 per

to 4.55p. The shares closed 6p lower at 448.5p as analysts focused on a 4 per cent decline in Scotch volumes thanks to lower shipments to the US and a loss of market share following the decision to hold firm on the sell ing price for Bell's whisky.

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ninness Brewing fared better with a 3 per cent increase in volumes boosted by price rises to increase sales by 7 per cent. Excluding Cruzcampo, Guinness's struggling Spanish brew er, profits rose by 9 per cent.

Investment column, page 21 Photograph: Andrew Buurman

## Invesco set to merge with US fund manager

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Invesco is poised to merge with . AIM Management Group of the US in a deal which would create a fund management group with almost \$150bn (£96bn) of funds under man agement, and yield a \$50m

narian chairman. Investors were unsettled by yesterday's announcement by Invesco, which was forced into making a statement due to strong rumours of an imminent deal in the US.

pany's founding and septuage-

Some analysts said that Invesco, which has steadily re- said one analyst. stored credibility after falling from grace over its involvement in the Maxwell affair, might need to make a huge rights issue to fund the deal, in the UK, including waste management, privatised rail franchises and four local water companies.

The deal would at least double Invesco's market capitalisation of £648bn on last night's £57bn of funds, declined to go

AEA Technology, the engineering and consultancy arm of the Atomic Energy Authority, employs just over 3,000.

£16m last year on sales of £266m and is forecast to in-

crease profits this year to about

£22m. That put the shares, at

the offer price, on an earnings multiple of 14.5.

Mr Watson ran into contro-versy over an earlier privatisa-tion of the train leasing

company Porterbrook, in which

he stands to make a £4m prof-

it, following its proposed sale to

the bus group, Stagecoach, just nine months after it was sold by

The company made profits of

agement firms lies between 2 and 3 per cent of funds under

Some analysts questioned the timing of a merger with AIM, particularly in the light of widespread predictions of a se vere correction soon in share windfall for the American com- prices both sides of the Atlantic. Invesco already has 60 per cent of its funds invested in the

US, which has seen share prices rocket more than 50 per cent in the last 18 months. The deal would leave Invesco even more relatively exposed to the US stock market and we're fairly nervous about things there,

However, analysts said there was no doubting AIM's strong reputation in the US - illustrated by the fact that when one of its key funds was re-opened to investors last year more than \$1bn of money flooded the

into specific details about the

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New Holland, the British-based

tractor manufacturer owned by

Fiat of Italy, is to be floated on

the US market this autumn in

a deal likely to value the busi-

ness at about \$4bm. Fiat, which formed the com-

pany in 1991 after taking over

Ford's tractor business based at

Basildon, Essex, plans to sell off

30-40 per cent of the company and list the shares on the New York Stock Exchange. New Holland employs 19,000 people, of whom 2,400 are in

Britain. In addition to a manu-

facturing site at Basildon, it has

its headquarters in Brentford,

west London.

4.5p. Analysts reckon that the talks with AIM, which it is one taken ver values of fund manfund groups and manages \$54ba of funds. "No definitive announcement has been reached and a further announcement will. be made in due course," a

spokesman for Invesco said.

could net \$50m for Charles Bauer, AIM's 77-year-old chairman, who owns around 5 per cent of the fund management firm he set up 20 years ago. The remainder of AIM's unlisted stock is tightly held, and a key 27 per cent stake is owned by TA Associates, a US venture capital firm.

Several analysts suggested that Invesco could avoid a cash call by making a straight issue of shares to AIM's investors. They believed that Invesco would want to end up with 65 per cent of the equity of the en-

larged group.

However, some said that Invesco would be lucky to get away with an all-paper offer because TA Associates would probably want straight cash for its holding.

There are a further 17 manu-

facturing plants in Europe, the US and Asia, while New Hol-

land has a 5,600-strong world-wide dealer network. It is the

biggest tractor maker in Europe

and the third biggest in the US

after John Deere and Case.

The share offer, being led by the US investment bank Gold-

man Sachs and Italy's Medio-

hanca, is expected to take place

in November. The US Securi-tics and Exchange Commis-

sion is expected to be notified

in the next few days. New Holland made profits of

\$258m on sales of \$5bn in 1995

and yesterday announced rev-

enues of \$2.886n for the first six

months of this year.

Fiat takes New Holland

to US for \$4bn flotation

## Alan Smith makes way at Jardine Fleming

**Banking Correspondent** 

Alan Smith has quit as chairman arm was hit by scandal last month. He had been with the nounced a radical shake-up of its too management, for 24

Jardine Fleming insisted Mr Smith, 53, had decided to retire despite speculation that he was paying the price for an embarrassing £700,000 fine from Imro, the investment regulator. last month.

Imro also revoked the licence of Jardine Fleming Asset Management after discovering Col-in Armstrong, a Hong-Kong based fund manager, had been benefiting personally from deals he executed for clients.

The scandal, which cost Jardine Fleming \$19.3m in com-pensation to clients, had already caused casualties in high reaches of the organisation. Robert Thomas, the managing director of Jardine Fleming Asset Managment, lost his vital registration with Imro and vesterday he resigned as a director. John Manser, chief executive of Robert Fleming, the mer-chant bank which is a joint partner in Jardine Fleming, acknowledged the fund management firm's reputation had

been damaged.
"Clients have shown some anxieties. We had an extensive programme of calling on clients and stating precisely the cir-cumstances," Mr Manser said. Jardine Matheson is the other partner in Jardine Fleming.

The move to revamp the management structure and create a new supervisory board headed by Alasdair Morrison, managing director of Jardine Matheson, is seen as a response to the incident, "It's about building confidence from your clients," said one banking

But Mr Manser said the

Alan Smith: Speculation that departure linked with Imro fine

move was also a recognition of board, while Mr Morrison will the changing requirements of international regulators. "In-

creasingly regulators worldwide are looking through parent companies to their associates and their subsidiaries," Mr Manser said.

"If you're being held responsible for the action of another company you're going to have to be pretty certain they are being run in accordance with your wishes," he added.

This trend was prompted by the collapse of Barings last year when Nick Leeson, a trader based in Singapore, was responsible for bringing down the bank while most of his managers were based in London.

Mr Manser will sit on Jardine Fleming's supervisory board, which will meet quarterly. Peter Jamieson, William Garrett and Paul Bateman will also represent Robert Fleming on the above last year's.

an. Greg Terry and Rodey Leach.

Henry Strutt, managing director of Jardine Fleming, will also sit on the supervisory board, along with Tim Freshwater, who recently joined from Slaughter & May, the London law firm.

Jardinc Fleming is also setting up a new role of head of investment banking for China, which offers opportun-ties for "substantive growth", Mr Manser said.

It has hired Patrick Sun from SBC Warburg to take on the job. Mr Manser said Jardine Fleming contributed around 30 to 45 per cent of Robert Fleming's earnings. Robert Fleming's half year ends at the end of the month, and Mr Manser confirmed that the signs were pointing to profits

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## Northern Rock to sell Guardian insurance

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The strengthening of trading links between building societics and insurance companies the Woolwich, Halifax and Altook another step forward yesterday with the announcement of a joint venture between Northern Rock and Guardian Royal Exchange.

Northern Rock, one of the UK's top 10 building societies, aims to sell up to £65m worth of Guardian's general insurance

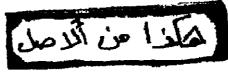
Offices near the society's headquarters will operate as the

which aims to reach some 190,000 of its 1.4 million members within the first year. The

> liance & Leicester societies. David Baker, executive director of Northern Rock, said: Our customers can look forward to the development of a range of modern, competitive products."

deal follows similar moves with

Alan Thompson, managing director of Guardian Insurauce, said Guardian would continue to underwrite insurance a premium levels at more cor control centre for the venture, mercially realistic levels.





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BT pays a high price to freeze out its US rival On the face of it, BT is paying a fancy price to complete the network of telecom alliances it has been seeking to build across Europe for the past three years. Sir Iam Vallance yesterday coughed up £1.1bn in cash for a 25

per cent stake in a joint venture with the French group Compagnie Generale des Eaux whose main asset is a loss-making mobile phone operator.

In truth the prize is much greater than that. By securing the CGE deal BT has frozen out its most potent competitor, AT&T of America, from the French market and ensured that it is in prime position to become the main competitor to France Telecom when European telecom markets are liberalised in 1998. In theory, deregulation should mean a freefor-all in telecoms. In reality, the markets,

particulary those in southern Europe, are likey to be carved up between duopolies.

The key to success, then, is to sign up the right partner. In France, CGE, with its existing mobile phone operation and its clout as a giant integrated utilities group, was the

partner everyone was courting.

BT's success in tieing up a deal will not only frustrate AT&T. It will also come as a blow to the alliance of Dutch, Swiss, Spanish and Swedish telecom operators riding along on AT&T's coat tails,

The agreement with CGE was reached in remarkably short time. Most observers, and indeed BT itself, had not expected the missing French piece of the jigsaw to be filled in until some time next year. But the whole

process of alliance building has been tackled with speed. In the three years since BT formed its \$1bn alliance with MCI, the section of the world tourism market by the turn of the unacturing projects. ond largest carrier in the US, it has developed further alliances in Spain, Germany, Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Japan and India.

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In most cases it has selected its partnerships well. In Italy, it has paired up with Mediaset, the communications group run by former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi. In Germany its partners are Viag and RWE, two industrial groupings with a presence in the telecom market. In the Netherlands, it is allied with the national rail operator. The alliance with CGE may be the most expensive yet but the value to BT will surely lie in having seen off the bigger threat across the Atlantic.

#### Tourism grows as industry shrinks

On a day when Britain's visible trade deficit slipped a further £1.2bn into the red, it might seem gratuitous to remind the country's manufacturing sector that tourism is one of our best export earners.

Last year 24 million overseas visitors came to Britain and spent nearly £12bn. This was an increase of 20 per cent on the previous year. Inbound tourism is growing at three times the average world rate.

True, we are still running an overall deficit in tourism but it is less than a third the size

decade compared with 4.4 per cent in 1994. Our share of world trade in manufactured goods, by contrast, continues to shrink.

What is it about Britain that is attracting all these folk? Britpop and the sudden mass appeal of Jane Ansten? Surely not. Oasis and Mr Darcy do not explain why the number of visitors from Taiwan rose almost threefold last

The cheap currency visitors from abroad discover when they land at Heathrow or emerge from the Channel Tunnel is undoubtedly a powerful magnet. Between 1994 and 1995 sterling depreciated by 5 per cent against a basket of currencies and considerably more so against the franc and the mark. That helps explain why nearly two-thirds of all overseas visitors came from Europe.

But advantageous exchange rates ought to provide the same stimulus to exporters of manufactured goods.

It is fashionable to denigrate tourism and the McJobs it creates. But not all the 1.7 million people who make a living out of it in Britain are dispensing ice creams at Alton Towers. Tourism is also a remarkably cheap way of creating jobs at relatively little expense to the public purse. The British Tourist Authority reckons that for each of the 30,000 iobs it created last year, the cost to the taxpayer was £1,000. Its numbers are probably a bit self-serving but the cost per job is missions is running into the buffers.

It might be a little depressing to picture a Britain preserved in aspic and turned into a giant theme park as its manufacturing provess disappears. But the Chancellor should bear in mind tourism's contribution to the econonry when other less deserving causes come knocking on his door for handouts.

#### NAPF rushes to the defence of the City

It must have been the perceived threat from Labour that turned much of yesterday's corporate governance policy document from the National Association of Pension Funds into

 a diatribe against critics of City institutions.
 For those intellectual masochists fascinated by the largely circular arguments about short-termism and its effects on British industry, there is plenty of meat here, with a robust defence against the charge that the institutions are always churning shares and demanding excessive dividends that undermine capital investment. The NAPF even offers open encouragement to members to accept lower underwriting fees for rights issues, perhaps with a sliding scale depending on the discount and the quality of the company. Fund managers are beginning to realise that the gravy train of fixed 1.25 per cent underwriting comBut although some of the short termism arguments are tedious in the extreme, attacking the symptoms of low capital investment rather than the causes, the debate is still a live one inside the Labour Party and has been a driving force behind the development of interventionist policies on corporate governance.

Some of the most senior Labour front bench spokesmen are privately scornful of the outpourings of Will Hutton, editor of the Observer and author of The State We're In, who believes many of British industry's problems can be blamed on the financial system and on institutional investors in particular.

But frontbenchers are forced to admit that these notions have struck a tremendous chord in the Labour Party and cannot be ignored in policy making. The NAPF's decision to hold its own fringe meeting at the Labour conference shows it also appreciates this.

A pity, then, that the NAPF cannot give more detailed guidance on some of the micro issues that are still bothering many shareholders and boards of directors. For example, what exactly is an acceptable long term incentive plan for directors, as recommended by the Greenbury report? Despite all that has been written, there are no clear benchmarks. Some directors are determined to abuse the system but the rest are rather confused. The NAPF, while insisting on the general point that performance targets should be realistic, thinks the detail is a matter for individual members and the companies they invest in. That is just passing the buck.

## IMF guarantees to cut debt burden of poor nations

DIANE COYLE

Plans to reduce the burden of debt repayments on some of the world's poorest nations would go ahead as soon as possible, the International Monetary Fund said to the sale of any of the IMF's yesterday. Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, said: This is a done deal. There is a strong desire to go ahead with one of the most promising initiatives the IMF, together with the World Bank, has ever

Despite Mr Camdessus's confidence, there was still uncertainty yesterday about how the initiative will be financed. According to the IMF, a fouryear gap in the funds available for its contribution, a hole of Club members. Never the less, about \$1.8bn from 2000 to all parties to the initiative 2004, will be met partly by additional contributions from in-

dividual member countries. If that proved insufficient, the IMF would consider selling 5 million ounces of its gold reserves and using the interest revenues on investment of the profits.

However, Robert Rubin, the US Treasury secretary, said the Administration would only discuss an additional American contribution if the gold sale ceed their likely export earnings went ahead. "At the time a de- without some assistance.

cision is made to sell gold, we would be prepared to discuss with Congress the possibility of making a bilateral contribu-tion," he said.

Germany and Switzerland have been steadfastly opposed gold reserves. Mr Rubin said the US supported proposals for the Paris Club - the individual governments owed money by developing countries - to increase its contribution to debt relief by writing off up to 80 per cent of debt owed, up from the current 67 per cent concession.

Subject to negotiations, the IMF and World Bank are likely to contribute about \$2bn each to the initiative, with the agreed that financing details would be ironed out during next week's annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank.

The amount involved in the initiative is relatively small. It will relieve the debt burden by between \$5.6bn and \$7.7bn (£3.59bn to £4.94bn) for around 20 countries with a record of sound economic policies whose interest payments will always ex-

The aid charities welcomed yesterday's announcements, but said the amount of relief was not enough. Oxfam spokesman Justin Forsyth said: "This could be the only break that some of the poorest countries get."

Oxfam unveiled figures showing that the proposals would save Uganda, one of the likeliest beneficiaries, about \$80m a year for three years. Although a small amount of money, it would pay for improved healthcare, sanitation and teaching materials for millions of people.

However, Mozambique, another candidate for the extra assistance, has estimated that it will trim its annual interest payments from \$191m in 1997 to about \$172m in 2004, a saving of only \$19m a year which would leave interest payments at more than

Mr Camdessus also confirmed yesterday that the IMF would seek an increase in its financial resources through an increase in member countries' quotas, which would preferably be doubled to nearly \$390bn.

In parallel, the IMF is to discuss allocating Special Drawing Rights - holdings of its own currency - to countries which have become members since the last



Confident front: Michel Camdessus says the initiative is a done deal, although the finer details will be not be finalised until pext week

## Concern over corruption in Third World

tion in Third-World countries in his speech at its annual meeting next week, writes Diane Coyle.

The need to create the right environment for investment by the private sector, of which eliminating bribery and patronage is one element, is a key theme in the bank's annual re-

James Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank, is to stress the importance of tackling corrupbeing reshaped to work with a growing array of groups rather than just governments.

"It is a broader, more participatory approach," he said. "Development must be private-sector led."

The report points out that private sector capital flows to de-

1995, up from \$44bn in 1990. So important does the bank believe private capital to be that it set up a group of senior managers last year to co-ordinate a new private sector development

One early sign of its activities is that the annual report talks of "products" and "clients" for

strategy.

veloping countries set a record the first time. The bank is also of about \$170bn (£109bn) in making great play of the fact making great play of the fact that it is hosting, for the second year running, a series of semi-nars for businesses interested in investing in developing countries in parallel with the official annual meeting. Speakers this year include Sir David Simon, chairman of BP, and Percy Barnevik, chief executive of

The World Bank's own lending was a record \$19bn in the latest financial year. There had been a particularly big increase in lending for health and education, areas in which there was no private sector investment. The experience of South-east Asia had shown, however, that high levels of investment in people were essential for

#### In Brief

• OmniMedia saw its shares crash 15.5p to 18.5p yesterday after warning that the loss for this year would be "in line with that reported in 1995," when the deficit was £1.02m. The main problem came after the MultiMedia music division's CD-ROM "pop videos featuring the singer Sade flopped outside Japan. Elsewhere, the sales of the "authoring tools division", which sells kits allowing people to make their own video CD-ROMs, have not met executations and there have been problems with distribution of children's CD-ROMs, including the best-selling "Greatest Toyshop on Earth". The group reported losses increased from £279,000 to £671,000 in the half year to June, but a spokesman said that, with net cash of £2.29m, the company "was not going bust."

 Customs and Excise joined with the Building Employers Confederation to launch a comprehensive crack-down on "VAT cheats" in the building industry. The project forms part of a wider shadow economy project that is aiming to collect an additional £75m in value added tax over the next two years.

 Chief executives in UK manufacturing companies are seeing their total pay fall behind their US and Canadian counterparts, according to a survey by UK-based remuneration advisers Monks Partnership and The Conference Board. The report found UK chief executives were paid £320,000 a year, compared with £329,000 for those in Canada and £476,000 for those in the United States. Other directors were worse off than their US counterparts. but marginally better off than those in Canada.

 The imprecedented management buyout boom of the last two years appears to be running out of steam, according to figures from accountants KPMG. The value of deals finalised in the last quarter fell to £820m, the lowest total since the beginning of 1995.

Asda is to withdraw packs of Alka Seltzer from its 207 stores after losing a high court battle with the product's manufacturer, Bayer. The supermarket group was told that it had to camply with Bayer's plate to raise prices of Alka Seltzer by 10 per cent. Asda's counse! Nick Cooper said: "We do not believe a price increase of five times the rate of inflation can be justified. We would rather not stock the product than pass on such a price increase to consumers." Asda's refusal to comply with the price increase is part of its long-running battle against re-sale price maintenance. The OFT is due to report on the issue soon.

Orders for durable goods in the US fell 3.1 per cent in August, marking the largest decrease since a 3.4 per cent drop in April 1995. It is also the third drop in durable goods orders in the last five months, and compares with a consensus forecast of Wall Street economists of a fall of just 0.1 per cent. Separately, initial claims for regular state unemployment benefits rose 11,000 to a seasonally adjusted 340,000 for the week ended 21 September from 329,000 the previous week. This is the highest level of weekly jobless claims since mid-July.

Barbara Roche, shadow minister for small firms, told memrs of the Institute of Chartered Accountants that a Labour govneut would help such businesses by reviewing self-assessment k and possibly enhancing the role of the one-stop advice cennown as Business Links.

## Labour criticised over corporate governance

PETER RODGERS

The National Association of Pension Funds, whose members control £350bn worth of investments, yesterday launched a broadside against Labour proposals for reforming the way companies are run.

In a wide-ranging policy statement on corporate gover-nance published ahead of a fringe meeting it will hold at the Labour party conference next week, the NAPF rejected Labour plans for a standing commission on corporate gov-emance and said suggestions for compulsory voting by institutions at company meetings would create more problems

than they solved. The NAPF also dismissed the concept of stakeholding, which holds that directors are accountable to wider interests such as employees, customers and suppliers. It said that alsensitive" to these groups, shareholders' interests should

be paramount. But the funds' statement of corporate governance policy proposed a rightening of some guidelines for company direc-tors, including golden hand-shakes. The document proposes that compensation should be phased so that it is paid over a period and stopped when the recipients find new jobs.

The NAPF also demanded more realistic targets for executive bonus and incentive schemes, following complaints about the excessive generosity of long-term bonus plans. Asked whether Labour pol-

icy on corporate governance was a danger to business. Ann Robinson, NAPF director, described it as "at best irrelevant".

She believed the overriding need for companies was macroeconomic stability. The NAPF hoped Alistair Darling, the Labour Treasury spokesman who is to address the conference though companies must be fringe meeting, would reiterate that. "It is almost impossible to

get good corporate governance if you have stop go [policies]," Mrs Robinson said.

She said Labour's proposal for a standing commission on corporate governance would produce yet another unnecessary bureaucratic machine, and there was no need for it, since a corporate governance review committee begins to take evidence next month.

The NAPF said good corporate governance should be aimed at improving the performance of UK companies over the long term and should not be a "box ticking exercise." that checks companies' conformity with rulebooks.

The document attacked the view that pension funds have a damagingly short-termist investment outlook and that they demand excessive dividends that damage investment. It said funds' average period for holding shares was eight years, and rejected claims that members' fees for underwriting new cap-

#### Trade gap widens to £1.2bn

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent** 

Britain's trade gap with the rest of the world slipped further into the red in July, according to official figures released yesterday. The deficit in goods, which excludes invisible earnings such as investment income, was £1.2bn, compared with £1.1bn in June.

However the figures suggested the pattern of UK trade was shifting. Smaller deficits were recorded over the past two months with non-EU countries, which account for around 40 per cent of UK exports. The Office for National Statistics said the trade gap with countries outside the EU shrank from £700m to £500m in August, the lowest since last November.

Britain's total exports to the rest of the world in July rose 0.5 per cent to £13.8bn. The improvement came from a 2.5 per cent increase in non-EU exports while exports to EU economies fell by 1 per cent. Total imports in July rose by 1 per cent to £15bn, with a 2.5 per cent in-crease in imports from EU countries and a 1 per cent fall from non-EU countries.

July's deficit was slightly high-er than that predicted by City economists, though Kevin Darlington, from stockbrokers Hoare Govett, said the figures showed the recovery had not led to a massive surge in imports.

"We are heading for a current account deficit this year of less than 1 per cent of the UK's gross domestic product, which can be readily financed. In the late Eighties, at its worst, the deficit hit 4 per cent of GDP."

What's ohe connection between Dallas and Deal?

## InterCapital fund manager banned

PATRICK TOOHER

lmro, the investment watchdog, yesterday banned a fund manager for "knowingly and delib-erately" overvaluing warrants held by a fund managed by InterCapital Asset Management.

Geoffrey de Siebert, a former chief executive of InterCapital, was found by Imro not to have exercised "the integrity of a reg-istered individual" when he inflated the value of the warrants between April 1994 and March 1995. His ban is one of only a handful ever meted out by Imro

Imro said the effect of Mr de Siebert's actions was to overvalue one of InterCapital's funds by up to £9.7m, or 25 per cent of the fund's correct valuation. Investors were disadvantaged because the fund's performance appeared better

Imro also found that Mr de Siebert had undertaken foreign contract positions between July 1994 and December 1994 for speculative purposes on be- money accounts.

and is seen as a sign of the reg-ulator's increasingly hard-line policy towards code violations. half of the fund, breaching its articles of association. At the end of 1994, the fund held forward foreign exchange contracts worth £53.2m, again in breach of InterCapital's articles.

"Imro does not consider Mr de Siebert to be fit and proper to act as a registered individual." the regulator concluded. Mr de Siebert was ordered pay Imro's costs of £5,000.

Separately, Imro fined Newton Investment Management £85,000 for breaches of rules relating to overdrafts on client

## City tour fails to restore Matthew Clark's sparkle

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a dramatic fall as Matthew Clark, the drinks group. In June they were riding at just above 800p; yesterday they closed at 306.5p with one market maker, Kleinwort Beuson, offerings a spread of 293p to

In the past two weeks chief executive Peter Aikens and his team have been touring institutional shareholders in what appears to have been a vain bid to shore up the group's image following a shock profit warning at the yearly share-

holders meetin Chairman Michael Cotterell revealed the group had been hit by the alcopop revolution and profits would suffer "materially"; in two days the shares were crushed an astonishing

Few shares have suffered such would seem, therefore, that the Aikens blitz has failed to impress institutions; the joke is Mr Aikens walks in and a few

shares walk out. Matthew Clark is a narrow market and big investors have, after the initial deluge, kept their selling to a minimum to

Under Mr Aikens, the cider group has grown rapidly through acquisitions and rights issues. The company has a much higher institutional presence than many others of a similar size.

There is talk Matthew Clark, the country's second largest cider maker, may be forced into a rescue deal. slightly better-than-expected interim profits, is one name in the frame. Its shares fell op to

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volve Glaxo buying a stake in

and probably last privatisa-tion give-away, was the day's star turn. Shares of the former

floated at the top end of the

range, 280p, and then surged to 328.5p, settling at 323.5p. As

stockbroker Greig Middleton

says: "AEA offers a superb op-

AEA Technology, the latest

its smaller rival.

Stock market reporter of the year

500p. There is talk of a Glaxo Wellcome bid, or at least a had an uneven session with New York strength largely ignoted. The FT-SE 100 index trading pact which could inended 2.5 points lower at

market, off 7p. at 851.5p. The shares have fallen from 887.5p on Tuesday when it held meetings with analysts. One theory Afomic Energy Authority were is the long mooted bid for Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, where Granada nudges 27 per cent, is likely to materialise soon. Two Granada for every one Yorkshire, up 2.5p to 1,160p in brisk trading, is the

ting 300p against the 190p private investors paid in the spring.

Brunner Mond, one of the original parts of Imperial Chemical Industries, failed to join the new issue spree. Against a 175p placing it finished at 170.5p. Great Universal Stores had

another run, up a further 10.5p to 646p. It is still under the influence of ABN Amro Hoare Govett support but there is a nagging suspicion that, just perhaps, the long awaited reshaping could be underway. One idea is the successful Burberry operation is near to being floated. Another is a deal with Next following the arrival as chairman of Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale.

More buy advice for P&O nudged the shares 8p higher to 603p and Royal Bank of Scot-

Dixons, nagged by worries enjoyed the satisfaction of hitover its exposure to warranties, fell 9p to 523.5p. Standard

Life selling, dropping its stake to 4.82 per cent, did not help sentiment. Kwik Save, the discounter, had another torrid session falling 29p to 312.5p and SR Gent, a clothing supplier to Marks & Spencer, lost 24.5p to

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Huntleigh Technology, a health group, tumbled 115p to 762.5p following a disappointing profit advance and a cautious trading statement. A profit warning from Omni-Media left the shares 15.5p lower at 18.5p and Trinity Holdings, the fire engines group, reversed 56p to 267.5p

35.5p as it opened talks with its

after uninspiring figures.

More O'Ferrall, the adver-

Creighton's Naturally, a fragrance and soap group, gained to 8p to 62p. Company doctor John Cart has moved in with a 10.7 per cent interest acquired at 23p. Chairman Richard Collard has quit after a profit warning. The shares were 155p last year. SR Grefina

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Revelation Piccadilly, a luggage and gifts retailer, should increase profits from £51,000 to £245,000 this year with £394,000 next, says independent analyst Roger Hardman. He rates the shares of what he calls a "small group with big ideas" as worthy of attention; they are 4.75p.

Bruntcliffe Aggregates held at 22.5p. Its long-running dis-pute with shareholders with approaching 30 per cent of the profits are down to £601,000 (£860,000) but around £2m

portunity to invest in a high tech consultancy service with capital rumbles on. Interim tising group soon to be merely Worryingly they have, albeit more gently, continued to fall. At 306.5p, off 24p, they are at 448.5p. HP Bulmer, the Woodalmost no parallel in the inthe More Group, slipped 18.5p to 650p.5 as UBS placed around vestment world." land continued to benefit from pecker cider group, lost 19p to oup, rallied 21p to 391.5p. Railtrack, which also could Panmure Gordon support, up The rest of the stock market The shares were once above (£1.4m) is likely for the year. argue it is a unique investment, their lowest for four years. It **Share Price Data** Prices are in sterling except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up to be priced from the price of the state price. The price/permings (P/E) ratio is the state price divided by lest year's servings per stars, excluding exceptional items.

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## SR Gent seeks refinancing as it closes retail stores

NIGEL COPE

SR Gent, the Marks & Spencer clothing supplier, is in crisis talks with its bankers after the company announced it would be taking a £14m provision to with-draw from its retail operations.

The Barnsley-based group is closing its eight Clothing Barn stores as a result of poor sales and margins to concentrate on its M&S business which accounts for 90 per cent of its sales.

The news precipitated a 41 per cent collapse in SR Gent's shares to 35.5p. The company is now valued at just £13m and is considered a takeover target unless refinancing can be arranged. The existing management, chairman Peter Wolff and chief executive Mike Stakol, are likely to hand on as they own the majority of the shares.

The announcement forced SR Gent to delay publication of its results for the year to June. which had been due yesterday. The company said it did not

The disaster at Clothing Barn is the second time SR Gent has been forced to withdraw from high street retailing. In 1994 it took a £7m provision to with-draw from the Susan Woolf fashion stores which pushed the group into a £4m loss that year.

Clothing Barn was launched at around the same time but this year the company found that 'significant amounts" of finished garments and stocks earmarked for sale through the stores would not reach their book values. In addition, a large amount of fabric and accessories could not be sold or made up into finished garments for sale at prices that would cover their book value. The cost of this stock write-down together with the cost of the store closures have forced the £14m exceptional charges.

The company said: "The estimated provisions have resulted in the need for the group to stage last year.

know when those results would now be announced. re-negotiate certain aspects of its banking arrangements." The company added that it would make a further announcement as soon as possible.

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SR Gent makes ladieswear such as blouses, dresses and skirts for Marks & Spencer and has annual sales of around £150m.

Shares in the company tumbled in June when it issued a profits warning. Management blamed the poor weather which had hit demand for summer clothing. Fashion sales were particularly disappointing. The company also said that the weak South African economy had damaged sales and that it was looking to sell its Cape Town factory.

In the six months to 31 December, SR Gent recorded unchanged profits of £2.8m. In the last full year to July 1995 it made profits of £6.3m on sales of £154m. The company's shares stood at 103p at one

The chairman, Tony Greener, and his team do at least realise that the only on advertising and other promotion of Johnnie Walker, Gordon's and Guin-

It is also right to try to break the selfdestructive scrap for market share that has led all the leading drinks companies to slash prices to push volumes in a basically static market. Guinness says it will not play that game this Christmas and has thrown the gauntlet down to its rivals to follow suit. It remains to be seen who loses their

The sad fact is that there is no quick fix for Guinness - neither a bid for GrandMet nor demerger would solve. the underlying need to increase

## Lacking the genius for growth

ment over the past five years, slipping further and further behind the rest of the market as year after year profits have emerged little changed from the

previous period. You would have had to have held your Guinness shares since 1990 in order to have achieved any sort of absolute gain and even then you would be looking at relative underperformance of a third or more. Pure Genius it ain't.

Figures for the first half of 1996 yesterday did little to put any fizz back into the shares even if, for the first time in several years, they did not precipitate a round of analysts' downerades.

Although a 5 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £357m was slightly above expectations, and free cash flow of £254m was strong, the top-line growth that will drag Guinness out of the investment doldrums remained as elusive as ever. Focusing on a 4 per cent decline in Scotch sales, the market trimmed another 8p from the

shares, which closed at 447p.

The problem for Guinness is that it is already generating good profits, with pre-tax margins in the mid to high teens, and throwing off enough cash to make periodic hand-outs to its shareholders. What it can't seem to achieve in the mature spirits and beer markets it serves around the world is growth, and growth is what share prices thrive on.

way to generate that growth is to pour staggering amounts of cash into promoting its portfolio of brands. Half a billion pounds last year was spent ness itself, but even that was only enough to tread water. You only have to look at smaller rival Matthew Clark to realise what might have happened to Guinness had it inflated its shortterm profits by not shelling out that awesome amount.

volumes and prices.

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Forecast profits of £955m this year, after underlying profits of £942m last time, and £1.02bn in 1997, put the shares on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 13 falling to 12 and promises another dull year.

#### Redland still looking exposed

Investors in building materials group Redland are still reeling from the dividend cut last year when the company's shares lost a third of their value in just seven months. Rehabilitating the roof tiler was always going to be a slow process, though some reassurance came when new chairman Rudolph Ag-

new said the dividend was sacrosanct. Falling interest rates in Germany, where the bulk of profits are struck, also encouraged optimism, as did the sale of its bricks business to Ibstock for £160m, which left Redland to focus on tiles and aggregates.

tiles business with Braas, its German ioint-venture partner, to create the Redland can also expect little help joint-venture partner, to create the

**GUINNESS: AT A GLANCE** 

Market value, 20 fisher, share price 448.50

world's largest roof-tile supplier that created most excitement. The move, which German tax authorities are expected to clear by the end of the year, should free capital for roofing markets outside Europe which have greater growth po-tential. A small joint venture in South

Africa, for example, is imminent. But atrocious market conditions still leave Redland looking exposed. Bad weather in the first quarter was blamed for the 42 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £95m in the six months to June. European roofing profits nearly halved to £69m as German concrete tile volumes collapsed by 47 per cent in the first quarter. Incredibly, gross margins were maintained as selling prices above inflation were pushed through.

Even more remarkable is Redland's assertion that the German housing market has turned. It cites a 3 per cent rise in the first half for single and two family housing, the main market for pitched roofing. But this rosy view is not shared by its rivals like RMC and is hard to reconcile with a German economy being whipped into shape for But it was the merger of Redland's European monetary union by deep

from its aggregates side, where first-half profits fell to £27.5m from £35m and it is heavily dependent on an almost re-

dundant UK roads programme.

Broker Albert E Sharp has slashed its 1996 pre-tax forecast to £251m from £303m with £310m (£345m) pencilled in for the following year. The shares. up 2.5p to 447p, stand on a chunky forward multiple of 21 falling to 17 and yield just 4.7 per cent. Expensive.

#### McBride cleans up its gremlins

Few companies can have had a more fiery baptism on the stock market than McBride, Europe's biggest maker of own-label detergents. Launched in the midst of John Major's leadership crisis at 188p last July, things have gone from bad to worse. Last summer's problems with new concentrated detergents gumming up machinery were compounded by soaring raw material costs. The result was a profits warning ear-lier this year which sent the shares plummeting. Yesterday they clawed back 13p to leave them at 139p.

The market's optimism was prompted by figures suggesting that McBride is through the worst. Pre-tax profits slumped from £27.1m to £20.7m in the year to June, but the bald figures hide a strong recovery in the second half. Stripping out £6.3m of one-off costs, mainly relating to expelling the gremlins at the Barrow detergent factory and cutting up to 500 jobs, underlying margins expanded from 6.7 per cent to 7.4 per cent between the two haives.

McBride is within striking distance of its aim to raise margins to between 7.5 and 8.5 per cent. Barrow is said to be sorted out, raw materials are back to more normal levels and a management restructuring is about to be completed with the appointment of a new managing director in the UK. With cost savings on top and a core business growing at above 5 per cent, Barclays de Zoete Wedd is looking for further recovery to deliver profits of £31m this year, putting the shares on a modest forward multiple of 10.

That looks too low, but the shares should not be chased. The own-label market has successfully fought off the price war initiated by Procter & Gamble, but the past year has also shown what little control McBride has over its own destiny. The group remains at the mercy of commodity chemicals prices on the one hand and on the other the big supermarket groups, four of whom take around 30 per cent of sales.

## Grampian in £69m deal

**MAGNUS GRIMOND** 

Grampian Holdings, the Scottish mini-conglomerate, yes-terday announced a £69.4m recommended deal to take control of the Edinburgh Woollen Mill shops chain and its related Scottish Woollens textile manufacturing operations. The cash and shares offers are to be part financed through a one-for-five rights issue at 125p a share to raise £14.8m.

The two transactions will bring a windfall of around £45m for the Stevenson family, which is the biggest shareholder in the two companies being acquired. David Stevenson, chairman, will join the Grampian board, along with EWM managing director Colin Birrell, as part of a wider

4p lower to 140.5p.

The acquisition represents an about-turn for Grampian. It has been talking for at least 18 months of floating its existing 25 per cent stake in Edinburgh Woollen Mills, which it picked up after the merger with its Pitlochry Knitwear business in 1993.

The group, chaired by Bill Hughes, said the EWM board had carried out a detailed strategic review earlier this year which concluded that a flotation was not the preferred option. As a result, Grampian had been able to make an offer which would be earnings-enhancing. Mr Hughes described Edin-

burgh Woollen Mills as "a rare

shake-up of the board. News of group, affording excellent the deal sent Grampian's shares prospects for sustained growth".

Some analysts, however, criticised the acquisition as running contrary to the previously stated intention of giving more focus to the business, which already encompasses veterinary products, transport and sporting goods.

One analyst suggested that the deal represented "a disguised reverse takeover", with the new directors coming aboard providing a source of possible successors to Mr Hughes. Edinburgh Woollen Mills has

229 outlets in tourist areas, mar-

ket towns and visitor centres.

Grampian yesterday unveiled an 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.75m for the six months to June. The interim divopportunity to expand the idend rises 8.3 per cent to 1.95p.

## A charitable Exchange celebrates the Big Bang

City bigwigs gathered at the Stock Exchange on Wednesday night to celebrate the 10th anniversary of "Big Bang". John Kemp-Welch, the Stock Exchange chairman, played host to Jack Wrigglesworth, head of Liffe, and Angela Knight, the Treasury minister, who were among the 600 guests. The theme was "past, present and future" with actors and waitresses

dressed in top hats and bowlers. The highlight was a charity auction in aid of the Save the Children Fund. One thrill-seeker bid £800 for a "Go Loopy" flight on Cadbury's Crunchie Flying Circus open-cockpit bi-plane.

Most extravagant was the £1,400 paid by one romantic for an overnight stay at one of the new penthouses at Claridge's. These come complete with dedicated butler and pantry service, of course.

Jim Maxmin, the former chief execu-tive of Laura Ashley, is worried that he is falling apart. "I woke up last week with this excruciating pain all down one side and I thought 'Oh my God, what is this?" Subsequent tests have revealed nothing more than a

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kidney stone, which is being dealt with in London before he flies back to the United States at the weekend. "I must be getting old," he mopes.

Pilling & Co, the Manchester-based private client stockbroker, is closing its London office. Word is that the reason is a long-running spat between the senior people in Manchester and the partner in the London office.

Nigel Goodliffe.
Mr Goodliffe was tight-lipped on the subject yesterday, though he admitted that the broker had written to its clients informing them of the impending closure. "Tve got no comment to make."

Ian McAllister, the chairman and managing director of Ford Motors in Great Britain, will have to pay special attention to the drink-driving laws with his latest appointment. He has been named non-executive director of Scottish & Newcastle, the brewing and pub group which produces high-octane brews such as Theakston's Old Peculier and **Holsten Pils.** 

News drifts in of a fresh development in the row over Europe. The subject of heated debate this time is not the Euro-currency or the Euro-sausage, but the Euro-bottle. McBride, the detergents company, run by Mike Handley, has been working on just such a vessel in order to harmonise plastic bottles across the European

What's the point, you might think. Well, the benefit to manufacturers such as McBride is that a standard size would be cheaper to produce than lots of different ones for each

nation state. The Italians, Spanish, French and Belgians are all mostard keen. But one country is dragging its feet. You've guessed it, good old Blighty

Britain wants to retain the individuality of its plastic bottles and is standing firm against Euro-interference on the matter. There's nothing like fighting the big battles, is there?

Mark Slater, son of investment guru Jim Slater, is to try his hand at politics. Slater junior, who is only 27, is the prospective parliamentary candidate for Jimmy Goldsmith's Referendum Party in the London

constituency in Battersea. Asked to explain himself, Mr Slater said: "I think Europe is the single most important issue we face at the moment and none of the major parties is really addressing it

properly."
Mr Slater, who runs Slater Investments using his father's techniques, reckons he has a chance to overturn the 4,800 majority of the incumbent MP, John Bowis.

"I wouldn't underestimate my chances," he says.
"Battersea is a fairly young constituency and the people there are pretty unimpressed with the govern-

ment and politicians generally. I

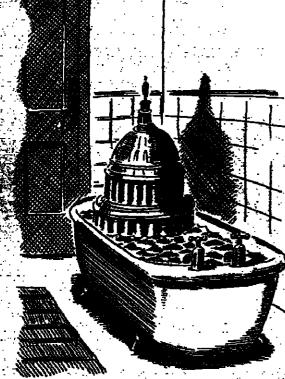
think they are open-minded." Nigel Cope if he mixes his directorships



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| Beazer (F)                | 390m (413m)          | 46.5m (55.7m)                    | 11.78p (13.95p)  | бр (5.85р)    |  |  |  |  |  |
| British Dredging (f)      | 19.0m (19.0m)        | 0.78m (0.89m)                    | 2.96p (2.62p)    | 2.6p (2.6p)   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| English & Overseas (I)    | 5.31m (3.24m)        | 0.25m (0.34m)                    | 0.25p (0.41p)    | (-)           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gartes Engineering (1)    | 14.7m (15.3m)        | 0.49m (0.67m)                    | 8.68p (11.43p)   | 1.6p (1.5p)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grampites Holdings (I)    | 74.0m (70.8m)        | 4.75m (4.29m)                    | 4.65p (4.34p)    | 1,95p (-)     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ernest Green & Plac(F)    | 6.44m (7.95m)        | -0.57m (0.35m)                   | -5.9p (2.3p)     | 1p (5.1p)     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coloness (i)              | 2.05bn (2.04bn)      | 357m (340m)                      | 12.4p (11.6p)    | 4.55p (4.2p)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hammery Property (F)      | 2.0m (5.93m)         | -5.30m (-1.95m)                  | -3.31p (-1.23p)  | - (-)         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hawtal William (1)        | 42.1m (38.5m)        | 1.81m (0.85m)                    | 6.7p (0.6p)      | nii (nii)     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hillians & HIII (1)       | 174m (188m)          | -1.84m (0.59m)                   | -3.6p (0.7p)     | 1p (1p)       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heaffeigh Technology (I)  | 48.2m (47.5m)        | 7.96m (7.17m)                    | 18.55p (16.82p)  | 4p (3.5p)     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Independent Radio (1)     | 0.57tn (-)           | -0.75m <del>(-</del> )           | -7.5p (-)        | ni (-)        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Malaya Group (1)          | 170m (151m)          | 1.07m (1.45m)                    | 0.48p (0.66p)    | 0.33p (0.33p) |  |  |  |  |  |
| McBride (F)               | 486m (441m)          | 20.7m (27.1m)                    | 9.5p (20.9p)     | 6.7p (-)      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Madiakty (1)              | 5.80m (-)            | 0. <b>80m (</b> 0. <b>00</b> 1m) | 1.7p (nil)       | 0.375p (+)    |  |  |  |  |  |
| My Klaste Times (F)       | 31.4m (27.8m)        | 2.57m (3.40m)                    | 10.3p (10.1p)    | 3p (-)        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moreor Holdings (I)       | 24.9m (28.8m)        | 0.35m (1.96m)                    | 0.9p (5.3p)      | 1.1p (1.65p)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oliver Group (I)          | 29.4m (34.5m)        | 7.55m (-3.14m)                   | 29.86p (-12.45p) | nii (-)       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Omnimedia (1)             | 0.25m (0.20m)        | -0.67m (-0.28m)                  | -3.16p (-1.76p)  | 1월 (1월)       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resect Energy (1)         | 4.17m (3.61m)        | 0.65m (0.61m)                    | 2.91p (2.16p)    | - (-)         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Redized (1)               | 1.18bn (1.20bn)      | 95.5m (165m)                     | 9.4p (14.3p)     | 5.5p (5.5p)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Renkskaw (F)              | 77.1m (62.7m)        | 20.1m (13.5m)                    | 26.26p (16.04p)  | 8,65p (6,41p) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seafield (I)              | 4.71m (5.00m)        | 0.12m (3.02m)                    | 0.2p (-4.5p)     | <u>- (-)</u>  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Triefly Holdlags (I)      | 126m (101m)          | 8.06m (7.51m)                    | 9.7p (9.7p)      | 2.8p (2.6p)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yole Catto (I)            | 193cm (195cm)        | 17.4m (16.0m)                    | 10.6p (9.5p)     | 3.6p (3.2p)   |  |  |  |  |  |
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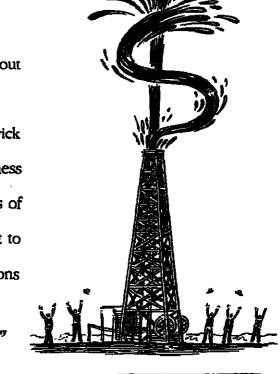
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## Tories' workfare may turn out to be a work farce

the gardens of the elderly will be cleared and the waste sites of the inner cities cleaned - if the Conservatives win the election. Apparently the party plans to include workfare in its election manifesto, expanding a pilot scheme called Project Work which demands that the long-term unemployed do commu-

nity work in return for their benefits. In principle, the fact that the Government is interested in subsidising work rather than unemployment should be good news. A consensus is growing in Britain and abroad that the unemployed should not be abandoned to their giros, and need instead active support from government to be-come more employable and find jobs. As the OECD pointed out in its Jobs Strategy earlier this year, "in the area of... training and employment programmes, the United Kingdom has been rather reticent to commit major resources. major resources.... Cutting longterm unemployment to more acceptable levels will probably require interventions – at least on a temporary basis – which are more resource intensive that job-search assistance

and job-finding incentives. It would be wonderful if the Conservatives were conceding that active intervention to help the long-term unemployed was now overdue.

However, there is a world of difference between job programmes. which effectively help people into real jobs, and meaningless make-work schemes, which waste public money and frustrate the unemployed. Given the lack of interest the Government has so far shown in expanding policies for private sector wage subsidies, or high-quality training and work experience programmes, the Conseres' workfare looks ominously like



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There is a problem with long-term unemployment that should, in principle, be susceptible to state intervention. The longer people stay on the dole, the harder it becomes to find work. In the first month after leaving your last job, your chance of finding another in the next 28 days is around 23 per cent. After six months that chance has fallen to 13

per cent, after two years to 7 per cent. Part of the explanation is that employers quickly snap up the bright-est and best qualified, leaving behind their less attractive peers. Some 30 per cent of the unemployed have no qualifications. Of the very long-term unemployed, those out of work

touch with working routines. Left to itself, the market is failing to match these people with jobs.

The critical question, however, is what kind of help the state can most usefully and cost-effectively pro-vide to make the unemployed more employable and get them into jobs. The OECD recommends employment subsidies to public or private sector employers who take on the long-term unemployed.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chan-cellor, has proposed a variant of this kind of programme for the long-term unemployed and the young unemployed. Private sector employers would be given a subsidy (£75 a week for more than two years, more than in the case of those out of work for

#### Work subsidies, if properly targeted and monitored, do seem to help the jobless'

40 per cent have no qualifications. But there is an additional obstacle for the long-term jobless. Unemployment damages people in the eyes of employers. The wages available to the unemployed are considerably lower than to those with identical qualifications who have switched between jobs.

It seems unsurprising then that long periods out of work should be more stigmatising than short periods. In addition, the jobless can become

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more than two years) if they gave a job to someone in the target group.

The advantage of this kind of pri-vate sector subsidy is that it catapults the unemployed directly into the real labour market - perhaps into a job that will last, but certainly into the auspices of a recognised employer. Direct temporary work creation on programmes such as Project Work undoubtedly has its place for those who can't even get subsidised jobs. However, if the Government is considering a widespread expansion of

a community work scheme such as Project Work, rather than a system of training and private sector work subsidies, it is making a big mistake.

Admittedly, there have been im-

portant criticisms made of private sector work subsidies. Opponents ar-gue that the subsidies help employers without creating net new jobs or improving the prospects of the un-employed. Through "substitution," so the story goes, the long-term un-employed take jobs that would otherwise have gone to the short-term unemployed. An evaluation of wage subsidies in other countries done by the economic consultants Nera for the Department of Education and Employment suggests they had limited effect on net employment.

However, this research is not con-clusive. The surveys calculate the net effect on employment mainly by ask-ing the employers who took up the subsidy whether they would have created the job without the extra cash. What we don't know is whether other employers took on those displaced

short-term unemployed instead. Richard Layard, director of the LSE's Centre for Economic Performance, is optimistic about the effect of job subsidies on overall employment levels, arguing that the dis-placed short-term unemployed would easily find work elsewhere.

Admittedly, where demand for labour is limited, there is bound to be substitution between the unem-ployed. But the OECD points out that the subsidy in favour of the dis-advantaged is still justified on equity grounds. Without it, the long-term unemployed will stay on the dole for

much longer than their peers who only lost their last job a month ago. Moreover, these work subsidies, if properly targeted and monitored,

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do seem to help. In a recent NBER paper, Larry Katz, a Harvard economist, reviewed a series of US wage subsidy programmes and concluded that, while the impact was modest, the young disadvantaged in partic-

paid at least the minimum wage is a good way to prevent them becoming low-status adult equivalents to the old Youth Training Scheme. A minimum also saves the state money on in-work benefits, and makes the enular did see their employment tire approach more cost-effective.

#### 'Of the very long-term unemployed, more than 40 per cent have no qualifications'

prospects improve because of the subsidy. A similar study of wage subsidies for the long-term unemployed in Holland suggested that their reemployment prospects rose by 10 per

cent because of the programme. The important trick is to ensure that the programmes are well mon-itored, that employers are prevent-ed from simply recruiting and then ditching one subsidised employee af-ter another, and that employers and employees regard the post as a proper job. Ensuring that the job is

But given that a minimum wage is not on the Conservatives' agenda, nor are they showing much interest in expanding work subsidies, it seems unlikely that this is the kind of

workfare the party has in mind. So if work subsidies are off the Conservatives' workfare agenda, what's left? High-quality govern-ment or voluntary sector training and work experience programmes could be extremely beneficial for the longterm unemployed. The successful Wise Group has managed to lever

large numbers of the long-term unemployed into work through intensive training and work. However, these kinds of operations are expensive, and the Government has proved unwilling even to establish pi-lot schemes which are resource intensive. The chances of it delivering expensive programmes to push the long-term unemployed into work seem rather slim.

In the absence of direct job placement or good quality training and work experience, the alternatives look ominous. Canals, gardens and wasteland may help some of the unemployed, but many will be deeply frustrated. Making benefits conditional on placements such as Project Work, without providing any more constructive, cost-effective alternatives, will not be good for the unemployed or the taxpayer. If the only purpose of this kind of workfare is to force the unemployed into menial, meaningless schemes just to prove to the rest of us that they are not lazy, then it will be unethical as well.

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| 74.07                   | 350                     | High Interest Acc                                     | 10310                  | 100.90            | 763          | (Accum Units)                                  | 1495                   | 1580                |                              |
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RACING: The favourite for tomorrow's big race at Ascot is living proof that the dreams of the auction ring can turn into reality

# Off to the sales in search of a Sham rather than a dud

However she fares in tomor- market auctioneers, are conrow's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, Bosra Sham has already proved the exception to a rather expensive rule. When the chestnut filly took the 1,000 Guineas back in May, she be-came the first "top lot" at Europe's swankiest yearling auction, the Houghton Sale in Newmarket, to win a Classic for nigh on half a century.

Her predecessor was Sayajirao, hero of the 1947 St Leger, alogued yearlings which repwho cost the fabulously wealthy Maharaja of Baroda a then-unprecedented 28,000 guineas. precedented 28,000 guineas.

He was worth every penny; so,

By the end of proceedings at about nine o'clock on Thursday at 530,000 guineas, was Bosra Sham. But along the way - as the accompanying table shows blued £20m on goods that come - there have been some mighty costly blunders.

highest price of the sale has tra- time they are used. ditionally been a dubious one, akin to a kiss of death as far as future performance is concerned. But Bosra Sham's a Hot Spark, all that guff about comeback to the track could hardly have been better timed as far as Tattersalls, the New-

before the 1996 Houghton Sale

At 5.15 on Tuesday evening. the sales company chairman, Edmond Mahony, will take the rostrum in the handsome domed auction ring to open the bidding on a son of Cadeaux Genereux, the first of 284 catresent, on paper at least, the

cream of the commercial crop. night, some of the world's richest men and women will have straight from the factory, untested and with no guarantees The honour of fetching the that they will not break the first

But when there is the chance of buying a Bosra Sham, a Sayajirao, or even a Relkino or merchantable quality goes out the window. The players in this market have to have as much

#### Sue Montgomery on the hopes that drive Europe's top yearling auction

optimism as wealth, and it has been so ever since yearling anctions came into vogue around 170 years ago.
The first four-figure transac-

tion was over the subsequently all but useless Glenlivat (1,010 guineas in 1837) and it was not until the coming of La Fleche (5,500 guineas in 1890) and Sceptre (10,000 guineas in tens of thousands on a young-1900) that the top of the market acquired credibility. That pair won seven Classic between

Nowadays, a sale like the Houghton represents an industry at work at the highest lev-el. The vendors are breeders, who nurture their potential gold mines from conception onwards, and pinhookers, bold speculators whose commodity is foals bought specifically to trade on. The buyers are those

Carson still in

intensive care

searching for success on the sales-toppers is more a curios-racecourse; next week's year-ity than a condemnation of the ation of 1998.

The bloodstock market is at present undergoing a revival, and the auction figures record-ed elsewhere in the world this year bode well for next week's proceedings.
In the weeks leading up to the

sale vendors, and the consignors who prepare their horses on a commission basis, scan racing results with almost paranoid intensity. Being related to a big or promising winner can put ster's value, and the progress this year of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe prospects Pilsudski and Darazari, and two-year-olds Fiji and One So Wonderful will be delighted that the stal-

ity than a condemnation of the lings will be the Classic gener-judgement of the so-called experts, for it is in the nature of horses that there will be more duds than champions.

Plenty of good horses are bought at auction (although, statistically, home-breds still lead the way in the Derby) and at all levels of the market. Of Group One winners this year, Lady Carla, who gave Bosra Sham's owner, Wafic Said, a double Classic whammy, cost 220,000 guineas, Soviet Line 185,000, Ikramal 75,000, Pentire 54,000 and Bahamian

Bounty 45,000. All the potential in the world will parade before willing buyers next week, and who is to say that Bosra Sham has will have done no harm to the not set a trend, for Entrepresale prospects of their young sib-lings. And the Irishman who paid 115,000 guineas for a Fairy King colt-foal last December he brought his score to two out of three at Chester on Wedneslion is responsible for the Arc day. And the dream he represents is what keeps this To highlight the fate of the industry going.

#### Class barriers to return

Willie Carson spent his seventh don its combined-enclosures pensive for those who wanted night in intensive care in the experiment that has been at-North Hampshire Hospital in tempted on certain race-days Basingstoke last night. A and return to separate Club and spokeswoman for the hospital Tattersalls enclosures in an effort to boost attendances.

Stephen Wallis, racing man-ager at Sandown, said: "Combined enclosures deprived those racegoers who wanted to pay for exclusivity the opportunity to do

Sandown racecourse is to aban- so and made admission look ex-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Kid Ory (Redcar 4.10) NB: Zaima (Redcar 4.40)

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| 1972 LECOSSAISE<br>Grand-daughter of Masaka. Trained in F         | bay filly Dencer's Imago-Highland Real   |                                  | Bert Frestone                                  |
| 1973 HOT SPARK<br>Brother to Bitty Gri, very smart spanes;        | chestruit colt Habitat-Ganey Girl<br>wor: Flying Childers and Palace House St  | 72,000gas<br>ikas                | Ravi Tikkoo                                    |
|   | bey colt Relies-Puglascily<br>Benson & Hadges Gold Cup at four, becam  | EB.000cms                        | Lady Beaverbrook<br>t-fived, jump sire         |
| 1975 AMELION<br>Out of Cheveley Park winner, won small            | chestrut colt MII Reci-Lathela   | 202,000 <b>g</b> ns              | Lady Beaverbrook                               |
|   | bey out Habitat-Jaffa<br>ano, won seven-furiong handicap at three,   | 95,000ges<br>sold to United St   | C St George & D Schwartz<br>ates for \$100,000 |
| 1077 / 1887   | bay colt Lyphard-Chain<br>races in the States, sent to Venezuela as  | 250,000gns                       | Robert Sangster                                |
| 1072 CAND RAW   | chestnut colt Grundy-Parsimony<br>n-furiong race at three. Sent to Australia a   | 264,000gms                       | Khalid Abdullah                                |
| 1979 GHADEER  | bey colt Lyphard-Swaniide<br>in Italy at these, Pattern-placed in German   | 825,000 <b>gs</b> =              | Hamdan Al Maktoum                              |
| 1980 DELINGHAM<br>Half-brother to Detroit and Durtal, Trains      | bay colt Green Dancar-Derna<br>ed in France, failed to trouble a judga   | 530,000gns                       | Serge Frackoff                                 |
| 1981 SOUTH ASLANTIC<br>Half-brother to Forlene, won a poor Blac   | bey colt Mill Reef-Arkadina<br>adford Stakes, sent to Unded States as a  | 640,000gms<br>cheap station      | Robert Sangster                                |
| Half-brother to Perrault, won Redcar ma                           | <del></del>  | 400,000gms                       | Hamden Al Maktoum                              |
| 1983 HERO WORSHIP (<br>Brother to Greenland Park, Gelded after    | bestrut colt Hello Gorgeous-Centre Piece<br>failing to win at two; eventually won a clai   | ming race in the                 |  |
| 1984 LEAD ON TIME<br>Brother to Great Commotion. Became a         | bay colt Nureyev-Alathea<br>decent springer in France at three with a  | victory in the Prix              |  |
| 1985 FUSION<br>Did not race at two; twice fourth at three         | bay colt MM Reel-Gift Wrapped<br>a; sold on for k15,000ghs; managed to w   |                                  |  |
| 1986 THE SOVIET<br>Did not race at two; won Redcer maider         | bay colt Nureyes-Etolle de Paris<br>n et times; sold on for 5,400grs; went to s  | 600,000gns<br>and in Switzerland |  |
| 1987 ALDAJA<br>The test by his size to be sold. Did not ra        | bay colt MRI Resf-Lady Constance<br>ace; sold on at three for 4,400gns, gelded   |                                  | Hamdan Al Maktoum<br>800gns                    |
| 1988 CLASSIC MUSIC<br>Brother to Sadier's Wells. Did not race;    | bay colt Northern Dancer-Fairy Bridge<br>died in 1993 after two stud seasons   |                                  | Classic Thoroughbreds                          |
| 1989 MELLABY<br>Won twice at three, once at six, and pla          | chestrut colt Nursyev-Hitting Irish<br>ced five times, earning around £20,000. I   |                                  |  |
| 1990 INES FLAME<br>Closely related to Salsebil (by her sire or    | bay filly Sadler's Wells-Welsh Flame<br>at of her grand-dam). Exported to Japan; w   |                                  | Masaki Kobayashi                               |
| 1991. RICHARD OF YORK<br>Half-brother to Maysoon and Three Talks  | bey colt Reinbow Quest-Triple First,<br>unbesten at two; did not race at times; w  |                                  |  |
| 1992 FALLING IN LOVE<br>Half-sister to hyanna; placed once in tre | bay filly Sedier's Wells-livy<br>land at three; winnings – £86   | 430,000gns                       | Mitsuo Haga                                    |
| 1993 WELLS WHISPER<br>Half-sister to Hernandor, dur not race at   | bay filly Sadler's Wells-Whakilydo<br>buo; placed in meidens and low-grade han   | 880,000gms<br>dicaps last year   | Georg Van Ulimann                              |
| 1994 BOSRA SHAM<br>Sister to Hector Protector; unbesten win       | chestrut filly Woodman Konreye<br>ner of 1996 1,000 Guineas  | 530,000gns                       | Wafic Said                                     |
| 1995 ENTREPREMENTAL<br>Half-brother to Dence A Drawn; where o     | bay colt Sadler's Wells-Exclusive Order<br>of two out of three this year; potentially ve   | <b>600,000gns</b><br>y smart     | M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier                        |
|   | bay colt Rainbow Quest Nearctic Flame<br>at of sister to Salsabil. Should make his de  | 600,000gns<br>ebut soon          | Godolphin                                      |

#### The Irish St Leger winner, Os-mouth," Prendergast said. "The car Schindler, will attempt to horse couldn't be better after continue his winning sequence the St Leger. He won very well in the Prix de l'Arc de Triom- and he still seems to be im-

**HYPERION** 

SOUNGE GOOD to Firm.

STALLS: Im - inside: Im 6f - centre.; 6f, 1m 2f & 1m 4f - outside.

DEAW ADVANTAGE: High for 6f; low for 1m 40pd.

Eleft-hand, almost fizt, oval course.

El Course is near junction of A590 and M6. Newton station 2m. ADMISSION: Coursy Stand \$14; Tattersalls \$8; Newton Stand \$3.50 (OAPs half-price in Tattersalls and Newton)

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: J Dunlop — 28 winners from 119 runners gives a success ratio of 23.5% and a profit to a 51 level stake of 58.95; J Gooden — 24 winners, 103 runners, 23.7%, -51.38; J Berry — 19 winners, 202 runners, 9.49%, -588.17; B BHB — 15 winners, 73 runners, 20.5%, -57.82.

■ LEADING JOCKETS: W Ryan — 31 winners, 141 rides, 22%, +539,13; Par Eddery — 26 winners, 83 rides, 31.5%, +537.09; J Carrell — 26 winners, 216 rides, 12%, -540.63; L Dettori — 21 winners, 142 rides, 14.5%, -563.01. BLINKERED FIEST TIME: John's Law (2.30); Klite Hope (3.30); Cherokee Flight (vi-

sured) (4.00):
WENTERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Naughty Pistol (2.30) won at Leicester on Monday.
LONG-DESTANCE BUNNERS: Grand Spiendour (2.00) & Infetration (2.00) have been
sent 242 pales by Lady Retries from Angmering Park, W Sussex; Roberto Riva (2.00) sent
238 miles by J Duniop from Arundel, W Sussex.

4.00 Dayville

Schindler's Arc assault

phe at Longchamp a week on Sunday. Kevin Prendergast, his trainer, announced yesterday that the colt may also tilt at the Melbourne Cup on 5 No-

HAYDOCK

2.00 Infatuation

2.30 Allwight Then 3.00 Sugar Mill GOING: Good to Firm.

ton Stand).CAR PARK: Free.

proving. He will be coming back down in trip in the Arc but he has a great cruising speed."

Oscar Schindler, who also won the Ormonde and Hardmber. wicke Stakes, is quoted at 20-1 for the Arc by William Hill and tween the races of about a at 14-1 for the Melbourne Cup.

3.30 GLADYS ALTHORPE (nap)

yesterday said: "There is no change in Mr Carson's condition and he is still in intensive care." The 53-year-old jockey was kicked in the paddock at Newbury last Friday.

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DIAMOND DANCE will be helped by any rain. Today's extra half-mile is also in her favour and she showed enough when a so-length soft to Ruwy to suggest she would take all the beating in samilar company next time out. The others with expenence seem beatable – Grawel beatang in samilar company next time out. The others with expenence seem beatable – Grawel Spleedows looking as though longer time are wanted, and stablemate ladationation stasting, his tail whan firstning fourth in a blanket finish to Raineda (stablemate of Diamond Dence) in a weakest after st Goodwood. Whosebage was in a strong race at York on her debut, but she is probably best welled for when dropped to an easier grade. Just eccli states that rain is wanted for her Sadler's Wells newcomer filly Solitation and this well-related sort could be smart. Roberto Riva, Tistution (from the family of St Leger wirmer Cut Above), and the Nashwan filly Massaceg (out of the talented Gratam) all half from stables well capable of wirting with newcomers.

Selection: DIAMOND DANCE

| [2  | 2.30    | STANLEY CREDIT CLAIMING HANDICAP (CLASS added of Penalty Value £3,583 | E) £4,200       |
|-----|---------|---|-----------------|
| 1   |         | SADOLEHOME (USA) (LA) (D) (Year) Street T D Barron 7 10 0             |                 |
| 2   |         | STANDOWN (32) (D) (Mis Chris Deniers) J Berry 3 9 12                  |                 |
| 3   |         | BASHFUL BROWE (42) (D) (N P Burnell) B Baugh 5 9 12                   |                 |
| 4   | 65/-40  | NAKANE (26) (R.F. Hudde) P.Malin 49 11                                | D Hazdaon 6     |
| 5   | 430000  | SINTRONS MESTAGE OD Grosten Metrol & Roley 3 9 11                     | D Weldst (3) 15 |
| 6.  | 022050  |   | _R Burbes 18    |
| 7.  | 13-65   | PLETTLE MEMORIES (23) 68F) (Matheson Partnesho) M Johnston 3 9 7.     | _M Roberts 3    |
| . 8 | 020003  | BARNETO COR CO (Devid R Young) Mrs J Rapeden 596                      |                 |
| 9   | 054500  | BARGASH (85) (D) (John Pust) P Sens 4 9 5                             | _O Orbica 20 F  |
| 10  |         | MBLOS (15) (C) (RA Posely) T J Nacotator 5 9 5                        |                 |
| 11  | 050004  | ALDMIGHT THEN (8) (C) (F) Composed D Cosmoe 5 9 5                     | P Cochene 11.   |
| 12  |         | COMEDNUP (363) (D) (M B Cares) J M Bootley 5 9 5                      | Pirench (7) 17  |
| 13  |         | SUE ME (93) (D) (Ms / Seeded W May 494                                |                 |
| 14  |         | CRAIGNARN (25) (D) (Nazzy Gubb) J Berry 3 9 4                         |                 |
| 15  |         | GORBARRE (SSB (N. Hetheron) J Hetheron 3 9 3                          |                 |
| 16  |         | DOUBLE OSCHR (54) (V Greates) D Nichols 3 9 1                         |                 |
| 17  | 651246  | ANOTHER NEXT MAKE (S) (D) (DF) (CM Engineering) R McVelor 4 8 13      | Mediates (7) 4  |
| 18  | 004-360 | NAMEST BEFORE (3) (T J Clabs) R Harmon 3 8 13Dee                      | n McKeoun 10    |
| 19  | 640501  | NAUGIET PEROL (USA) (4) (D) (Coin 6 R Booth) P Evers 4 8 11 (Get)     | JFEm 24 V       |
| 20  | 302442  | DOSENELLE (11) (D) (Sancturor Tepples Co (sr) T Easterby 4 8 10       | K Block 23      |
| 21  | 610000  | BLUSHING GRENIDER (US) (In Parling Enders) M F-Godley 4.8 8.3         | at Eddary 16 V  |
|     |         | DENSBEN (22) (CD) (Mrs. James M Piles) Denys Smith 12 86              |                 |
| 23  |         | JORRY'S LAW (2D (R.) Downes) M Heaton-Elis 3.85                       |                 |
| 24  |         | MATYBANE, (98) (D) (Yak Cher Soone) A Streeter 4 8 5                  |                 |
|     |         | - 24 declared -   |                 |

– 24 persona – NETRINE: 7-1 Maughty Fishal, 8-1 Barato, 10-1 Downsille, Downs Occur, 12-1 Malauni, Aucthor MgC Mars, 14-1 uthers 1985: Dersben 11 8 8 K Falon 12-1 (Derys Switz) 24 an

SADDLEHOME, is very well handlospped. He has won better races than this and his Doncaster run behind Surprise Mission (sessed when held) a fortnight ago was his first for three
months. Pat Eddery for Blooslang Grennadler also takes the eye and this gelding is back in
his latest winning trip (made all when racing wide at Windson) after subsequent runs over
further. Allwight Thism has a moderate draw, but he was a decent juversie and looked an
unfucly loser against Comiche Quest at Yamoudh last week on his first start for yet another
reew trainer. Demokrate gat over from a low draw to win this last year, and a low draw beet
him when attempting the seller double here last time out. Drawn in the middle today, he
may be found wanning this time. Should the pace be fast enough on the far side – and the
naces Another Nationare as over these – then Pasple Memories (drawn three) could figure pacey Another Nightmare et over there – then Puspie Memories (drawn three) could ligure on this return from a rest, especially as the stable went close in this race lest year with a three-year-old. Night Harmony (drawn ten) seemed to run well at the weights in a Sandown cleamer, but dropped away at Nottingham on Tuesday.

Selection: SADDLEHOME

|     | 3.00    | STANLEY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,700 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £6,158           |
|-----|---------|---|
| 1   | 056460  | GLEDE PARK (USA) (15) (CD) (The tempor Partnershee) J Has 7 10 0                    |
| 2   |         | SHADOW LEADER (659 (D) Clames Backshard C Election 5.9.10                           |
| 3   | 221-245 | HOUSE OF RICHES (34) (Shelib Mohammed) L Current 3 9 8 Dettor 10                    |
| 4   | 300500  | OTTO E MEZZO (40) (J P M & J W Cook) M Polgans 4 9 7 W Hollick 11                   |
| 5   |         | TRACEMBLITY (22) (J W Lorid) S Williams 3 9 7 6 Center 14                           |
| 6   | 303305  | SECRET SERVICE (23) (D) (Quy Reed) C Thorston 4 9 5                                 |
| 7   |         | ENGLE CHANGE (22) (0) (Circle W Lane Jor) B Harbury 3 9 4                           |
| 8   |         | ENDONNESSET (1/4) (R   Siles) Mrs M. Restley 4 9 4                                  |
| 9   |         | SUBJECTION (D) (C C Buckley) Mis M Reseley 6 9 3A Culture 2                         |
| 10  |         | CIRCUS STAR (68) (The Ringmasters) () Nicholson 3 8 11 I Rold 5                     |
| 11  |         | LORD BASDE (USA) (32) (CD) Oles for Bendal) C Thomps 88 11                          |
| 12  |         | RUSK (27) Biles Jean P Corney) J Pearce 3 8 11                                      |
| 13  |         | CNIDER 1996 (5) (D Chelson) J L Eve 58 10   |
| 14  |         | BRYA YA KEFRAH (20) (D) (Alam G Castindo M Bathage 4 8 9 T Sprain 4                 |
| 15  |         | REX. MICHOL (8) (1 W Light) P Evers 486 (4ex) FEBRA 3                               |
| _   |         | -15 decisted -  |
| BET | INC 51  | Chross Star. 6-1 State: NEL 7-1 Res. Mandi. Secret Service. 8-1 Calder Kind. Trace- |

olte being 6th out of the handicap and the cut in the IMPLEASEMENT For wan crear cespres being but out or the removes and the out in the ground don't stop him from besting Step Aufit at Sandown on his previous start. Single Canaysa is a bit hit-and-miss, but his length fourth to Better Offer at Ascot in July puts him beng in the place. Necese Of Riches is a bit of a monitely and was gelded after a moodly run at Catterick in April. He was entitled to need the comeback run git Newmarrat last month, but whether the dreaded operation has improved his outlook will be seen today. Segar MRE has but had better much remote five at a most off and resultant too learnesses.

| 150 | o wins at | Ripon on totally opposite surfaces. He rates a big rival to the safety.  Selection  | younger brigadi<br>a: TRACEABILITY |
|-----|-----------|---|------------------------------------|
|     | 3.30      | STANLEY LEISURE PLC DREAM MILE HANDICA<br>£6,000 added 1m 30yds Penaity Value £4,82 | P (CLASS D)<br>2                   |
| 1   | 314190    | MAPLE BAY (13) (P) (Roy Matthews) A Balley 7 10 0                                   | Foreigner (5) 25                   |
| 2   | 20-4100   | THERMEN (1003) (D) (R Gudge, C Lewis, M Calvert) B R Marrier 3 9 13                 | R Cockrains 3                      |
| 3   | 1D4031    | RMAS (50) IP G Shorock) Mes L Stubbs 6 9 12 (5ed                                    | F Eee 6                            |
| 4   |           | COURAGEOUS DANCES (24) Obdullets AS B Hanbury 4 9 10                                |                                    |
| 5   | 454-505   | DEE-LADY (7) GAs M S Telesham) W G M Turner 499                                     | D Sweeney (7) 8                    |
| 6   | 00202     | PORIONA (34) (Skyline Racine Lots P Melán 3 9 8                                     |                                    |
| 7   | 200860    | BLAZE OF SOME (S) (D) (D Brocock) R Herroon 49 6                                    | R Haghes 9 Y                       |
| 8   |           | SOCRY YEARN (S) (C) (I M Bradley) J M Bradley 9 9 3                                 | _R Pleases (7) 7                   |
| 9   | 441052    | PREM PREMIUM (7) (D) (J C Passons) R Father 8 9 2                                   |                                    |
| 10  |           |   | O Urbica 13 B                      |
| 11  |           | GLADYS RETROPFE (13) (0) (TSB)() LB(0 390   | K Fallon 1                         |
| 12  | 331       | JUNEAURAH SUNSET (17) (Shelish Ahmed Al Makkoum) A Stewart 3 9 0                    |                                    |
| 13  |           | DRAGON'S BACK (85) (BF) (Stephen R Hobson) Mrs. J Cacl 3 8 13                       | Reld 5                             |
| 14  | 000000    |   | Ajex Greenes 2                     |
| 15  | 542200    | FLAG FER (USA) (20) (Independed Record Chirly M Mescle 5 8 7                        | T Straig 11                        |
| 16  | 202300    | DOKE WILDIONO (19) (D) (J E Bigs! R Holinsheed 4 8 6,                               | _FLynch (3) 15                     |
| 17  |           | NEWSPIN BOCKS (SPID CON Florin) Bland Cont 1 Wilson 3.8.2                           |                                    |

|   |                | bow Quest-Nearctic Flame 600,000gns<br>Selsabil. Should make his debut soon   | Godolphin           |
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|   |                | ould be the answer for this after an improved run when secon  |                     |
|   | the soft at 1  | Windsor - her second good showing in the mud. Jamakah S   | unset is another    |
|   | lightly raced  | filly open to improvement, but she, stong with Courageous   | Dancer (unjucky     |
|   | SERVING MEET   | ple Bay at Pontefract) has an outside draw to overcome. Blaze<br>his best and this ground will be in his favour after a promising   | CHANGE IS SIDE      |
|   | SOF When SE    | eventh to Anthu Dane at Newbury last Saturday.  | ections POMONA      |
|   |                |   |                     |
|   | 4.00           | STANLEY SNOOKER NURSERY HANDICAP (CLA<br>added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £3,623  | ,                   |
|   |                | PERMISSION (22) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Harmon 9 7   |                     |
|   | 2 331          | DAYALLE AREA (75) AD AC And Self R Creation 9.0   | T Spraige 7         |
|   | 3 3642         | FRUM (AD) (80) (8 Shaw) J Quarte 8 12   |                     |
|   | 4 44100        | RIM LAD (Sto) (8 Shew) J Qurm 8 12<br>CHEROKEE FURBEY (CS) (7 A Leonard) Mrs J Ramasten 8 11<br>8000 DAY (CB) (Nur Read) C Thomason 8 9<br>Welf O SDC (27) (Leonas Rechiel R Fathey 8 7 | K Fallon 6 V        |
|   | 5 004          | GOOD DAY (18) (Guy Reed) C Thomson B 9  | Doon McKeows 1      |
|   | 6 005          | WHY O SIK (27) (James Richel R Fahay & 7  | A Cathone 4         |
|   | 5 VEEUU        | ABSTONE QUEEN (6) (D) () E Althoy) P Evens 8 2  | 11 GEL 3 T          |
|   | 9 5500         | CARRI DHI (13) Rossid Trodumi Mis J Ransder R D.  | S Carter 8          |
|   | 10 806260      | TEMORIS ACES (17) (R.P.B. Michaelson) M. Bell 8.1   | Facing 10 B         |
|   |                | – <u>10</u> declared –  |                     |
|   |                | Deprilla, 5-1 Cherokee Filght, 6-1 Persistation, 7-1 Rum Lad, 8-1 Ve  | erspong, 10-1 Ab-   |
|   | STORE URGER    | , 12-1 others<br>Mist 2 8 5 R Havilin 100-30 (M Meade) 13 ran   |                     |
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|   |                | s the one to be on after beating subsequent winners Muddlap   |                     |
|   | on Woverna     | imptorts sand. The daughter of Daylur is well weighted gazing 7<br>ion, and if the promised rain changes the ground, Dayville's ch  | -Diem ent (rapri ca |
|   | bookier Ch     | erokee Filight is now tried in a visor efter being outpaced in St   | arce was be even    |
|   | Doncaster, i   | in which race stablemate Coling Disa was banky hampered when  | maions his chel-    |
|   | lenge. Good    | Day has shown promise in decent maidens, but the outside d  | taw just puts me    |
|   | र्मी क्षित्र,  | Sele  | etione DAYVILLE     |
|   |                |   |                     |
|   | 4.30           | STANLEY CASINO STAKES (CLASS C) £7<br>1m 6f Penaity Value £5,067  | ,700 added          |
|   | 1 0321-33      | COURT OF HOMOUR (123) IR E Senasted P Changle Hyam 4 9 1  | Beld 2              |
|   | 2 11/2         | EDIPO RE (82) (Tony Eaves) P Hobbs 4 9 1  | R Hoghes 4          |
|   | 3 1/1222-3     | MC/COPOL (2003) (20) (20) (20) (20) (20) (20) (20) (20  | Pail Eddary 5       |

| Ľ  | 4.3U       | 1m 6f Penalty Value £5,067  |               |
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| 1  | 0321-33    | COURT OF HOHOUR (123) (R E Sangster) P Chappie Hyam 4 9 1           | Reid 2        |
| 2  | 11/2       | EDIPO RE (92) (Tony Eases) P Hobbs 4 9 1                            | R Harbes 4    |
| 3  | 1/1222-3   | 1400000 (160) (D) (BF) (Shelifi Mohammac) B (85 5 9 1               | _Pat Eddery 5 |
| 4  | 13/32-60   | POLINEF (USA) (27) (CD) (Sheith Mohammed) J Gosden 5 9 1            | L Dettori 3   |
| 5  | 30-6400    | TAP OR TOOTSEE (202) (R Cooper) T Wall 4 8 10                       | O Lichina 1   |
| _  |            | - 5 declared -  |               |
| 野  | ITING: BH  | es Mooner, 5-4 Court of Honour, 6-1 Poltart, 20-1 Edipo Re, 50-1 Ta | p Cu Toobile  |
| 15 | 195: New R | eputerbon 4 9 6 M HBs 2-1 (B HBs) 8 ran                             |               |
|    |            | FORM GUIDE  |               |

COURT OF HONOUR was third to Classic Clinice and Stranege Choice in the Yorkshire Cup. Not good enough against Double Trigger in the Sagaro Stakes 11 days later, Court Of Honour can bounce back today and best Miscossic. The ground cannot be soft enough for Moonar, who is reportedly ower his night problems. Not seen snoce his third to Spout in the John Porter Stakes in April, Moonar is probably in line for another tilt at the Prix Royal-Oak next month (the won that see in 1994), and on stact form lines with Strategic Choice, he comes out better than Court Of Honour on his hish St Legar head defeat, so it promises to a close-run stalt. With two runs last month Politair Could have the edge on fitness over the other pir. He had a stiff task at the wegints at Chester last time and he would be in with a real shout today if reproducing his bead-second to Double Trigger in Ascots Sagaro Stakes last user. In Strad staff the Henry Could.

| 2.00 STANLEY GOLDEN NUMBERS MAIDEN S<br>£5,100 added 3YO 1m 2f 120yds Pena  | STAKES (CLASS D)<br>Ity Value £3,985  |
|---|---|
| 1 64 SHATIMION (13) (Lady Kertaurus Philips) Lady Herries 9 0 2 46 JUNGLE FRESH (8) (Robert Gibbons) J Berhell 9 0 3 6 MARCE ROLE (17) (T G & Mes M E Hotbont) M Laws 9 0 4 5-4025 SIMBSE A PRINCE (32) (Boogs forg) J Hills 9 0 5 ROBERTO RIMA (Robert Ogden) J Duniop 9 0 6 09 SOLDER RULE (18) (Nest I N Politor P Hobbs 9 0 7 THEISTEY (Lady Rothschild R Charlton 9 0 8 6 DUMINON ONNEC (27) (Sheich Mohammed) J Goeden 8 9 9 DUMINON QUEEN (F Wester) P Beann 8 9 10 EMBRIS IN PRINS (J R Good) J Hills 6 9 11 45 GIMMO SPLENDOOR (19) (Mass H Al Mestoum) Lady Hernes 8 12 15AY DANICER (Dung Brenton) L Beautit 8 9 13 NAMEZRO (Harriego Al Mestoum) A Stewart 8 9 14 00 SEREATY (140) (Guy Rest) C Thoman 8 9 15 SOLDMINE (FID Disector Parsity) Mes J Cacil 8 9 16 5 WANNESHAD (22) (Guy Rest) C Thoman 8 9 16 16 Juniorus Mass, 19-1 Namen, 12-1 others 1990: Merry Petals (3 8 9 L Destro 6-1 U Goster) 16 cm | Deciss (FShan 2 G Bardeell 14 R Cocksmap R Roberts 10 D Herghes 10 D Herghes 15 T Speaks 8 L Detzeri 16 R Carliste 1 O Utbrie 11 F Carliste 1 O Utbrie 11 F R Feltor 7 D Winger (3) 4 R Hills 5 S Deser McSicons 3 Deser McSicons 3 |
| HYPERION 1.50 Unalloyed 2.20 Dowry 2.50 Tailwind 3.20 Perpetual 3.50 White Claret 4.20 Classic Romance 4.50 Utmost Zeal   | 3.20 EUROT. 1 072 CADEAUX. 2 623223 RISE W 683 3 5615 SACA NEY 4 51266 TEAR W611 5 121216 PREFETAN. 6 423104 SRIE FAC. 7 0003 ELERS IA  |
| GOUNG: Good to Farm. STALLS: Straight course — stands side; round course — inside. DEAN ADVANTAGE: Low for 51 & 61, high for 71 to 121.  Eligh-band, makinting course with a ran-in of one furious. E Course is the W of sown off A2D. Westenburger station (service from London, Charley Grans) adjoins course. ADMISSRON:   | 8 4100 SEGMENTS  PETRICE 7-2 Carlesses Ci potent, 6-1 Stor. Eary Sile  3.50 LOCATE  54.200  |

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| 45 25 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | 1 022 CADENDX CRES (105) 8 HBs 9 7 10 5mbs (5) 8   |
| HYPERION                                     | 2 623223 RISE 1 SRINE (10) C Copy 9 4 7 Quim 4   |
| 20 Dowry 2.50 Tailwind 3.20                  | 3 3515 SECA NEW SECA (5) (85) M Carnor 93 C Matter 1   |
| White Claret 4.20 Classic                    | 4 512656 TEUR WHITE (5) (1) T Hais 9 1 A Wholes (3) 2 B  |
|  | 5 121216 PERPETRIAL (2) (D) Ser Manh Present: 90   |
| nost Zeal                                    | 6 423104 SMIE FACRORS (5) (D) Y. Bude 8 13 D R MicCabe 7<br>7 0003 ELLENS LAD (5) R Hacron 8 12 Dune 07NeW 3 |
|  | 7 0003 EITES DAD (5) R RESULTS IX M Homy (3) 6   |
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| - stands side; round course - baide.         | RETURNS 7-2 Cardonnes Chart, 4-1 Rice 91 States, 9-2 Ellers Land, 5-1 Per-                                   |
| ner for 51 & 81, high for 71 to 121.         | potent, 6-1 Silca Key Silca, 8-1 Suits Factors, 10-1 others  |
| course will a moin of one fixlong.           |  |
| on off Alto. Westernager station (ser-       | S EU TOCATE IN VENT HAMDICAL (CTUSS E)   |
| g Cruss) adjoins course. ADMISSION:          | 3.50 LOCATE IN KENT HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 7f 92yds  |
| ); Tuttersalls 58.50; Pienic Park £4 per     | 1 050121 ANTIEL (4) (2) S Williams 5 10 1 (5e;   |
| DAME. CAR PARES Free.                        | 2 141360 PARADOSE NAMY (SE C Egenton 7 10 0 Almes Cock (6) 5 8   |
|  | 3 SOLDO EMECYMENTE (19 M Profess 4 9 6M Minuter 7  |
|  | 4 01220-0 WHITE CLASE (115) R Matrice 4 9 2  |
| ••   | 5 0-0065 HOOFFERES (2) 6 Harron 3 9 1 A Charl 22   |
| R: Senate Swings (2.20).                     | 6 223-005 CHEZ CODILAN (134) DJ R. Hebres 58 7, 5 Sandres 14 B   |
| RN DAYS: Ayund (3.50) wan at Muss            | 7 531225 STERRIC FELICIE (33) R Harrow 385_Date Office 11 B  |
|  | 8 0-5005 VERDING PRINCO (27) 8 Proce 385 D.E.McCabe 6  |
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ard King 5-2; 3. Thrilling Day 12-1. 9 ran. 2-1 fav My Branch (4th). Hd, 6. 0 Balting, Kingsciere). Tota: £5.60; £1.90, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £9.50. CSF: £14.20. Tno: 4.30: 1 FREMORE WEST (FQuint) 5-4 fer; 2 Visi 2. Reson 2-1; 3. Apache Len 33-1. 9 ran. 3, %. (P Cole, Whatsombe). Tota: £1.90; £1.30, £1.20, £3.40. DF: £2.50. CSF:

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2. Captain Carat. 4-1 fay; 3. Ned's Bonus-za 5-1; 4. Tropical Beach 14-1. 18 cm. 74, 7. (J Quinn, Matturn). Tote: £20.40; £3.80, £1.80, £1.20, £3.40. Dual Forecast: £63.20. Computer Straight Forecast: £74.16. Tricest: £323.09. Tric: £47.20. After a standards' in-

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Tric: £51.80. 4.20: 1. MELLOTTIE (A Cultume) 12-1; 2. 450 method 7-1: 3. Colestial Choir 9-2 lay. 11 mm, Nr., 3. (Mrs M Reveley, Salthurn). Toler: £8.90; £2.00, £2.50, £1.90. Dual Forecast. £33.80. Computer Streight Forecast. £85.32. Theast: £403.26. This: £44.80.

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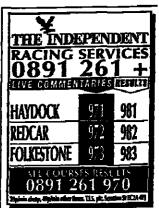
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3.30: 1. CANDLE SMILE (( Red) 7-4 fav., Asterlika 9-1; 3. Haleskoda 9-4, 6 red., 37. (4 Stoute, Neumarked, Totae £2.30; 2.2. (5.30, £1.30, Dual Forecast: 4.2.63, 7.0.5, 2.10, 0.55, 514, 50, 105. £187.20. Computer Straight Forecast £126.63. This £114.70. NR: Kernd. 2.40; 1. SHONARA'S WAY (A Dother) 4-1; 2. Jeberoot 9-1; 3. Lear Dancer 11-4 tay, 10 mm, 6, 9, (P Montesth), Yotas: £4.60; £1.80, £2.40, £1.40. DF: £22.90, CSF: £1.80, £2.40, £1.40, DF; £22.90, CSF; £34.09, Truc £21.80, NR; Palace Of Gold, 3.10; 1. SARMATIANI (R Gamthy) 6-4 tar; 2. Vistage Red 6-1; 3. Lettle Leader 12-1.5 can. 2. 6. (M Harmond), Tobes £2.30; £1.50, £1.40, DF; £4.90, CSF; £9.17, 2.40; 1. SEAUCADEAU (P Wagght) 9-1; 2. Beldien 11-4 g-fax, 3. Newhall Prince 11-4 g-fax, 7 cen. 7, nk. (M Barnes), Tobes £8.80; £2.80, £2.20, DF; £6.40, CSF; £31.88.

4.10: 1. VALIANT DASH (G Lee) 5-1; 2. Twin Paris 4-1; 3. Tough Test 6-4 (av. 4 ros. 8, 12, () Golde), Total £4.90. DF: £8.30. CSF: £19.42. NR: Bourdonner. 4.40: 1 TISHIER BLOGE! (M Molone): 13-8; 2 Burderos 11-10 for, 3. Kincardine Bridge 9-1. 5 tim. Dist, 21. (Mrs H Sayer). Toba: £2.30; £1.60, £1.20. DF: £2.20. CSF:

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2. Golf Land 8-1; 3. Demien's Choice 91. 12 mm. 8, 5. (T D Barron) Tetes \$2.00;
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Placepot: £42.60. Quadpot: £18.90.



limit for Manchester United's aspiring fans, the heavens closed on Ajax and Rangers on Wednesday, literally and metaphorically.

In Amsterdam, Ajax began a new epoch by closing the roof on their new stadium to host the first major indoor football match in Europe. However, after years of playing progressive football in antiquated grounds, they found themselves playing a dat-ed game in a high-tech arena.

Rangers' home defeat to Auxerre was not as startling as Ajax's loss to Grasshopper real barrier to their dreams. Walter Smith, the Rangers

manager, spoke of dominating the game and putting in lots of effort but, tellingly, he also agreed that Rangers struggled to break Auxerre down and gave away bad goals. Not half. The first was down to lazy defending. The second goal was diabolical, headed in from a corner by the only Auxerre player in the six-yard box. There were five Rangers men and a goalkeeper near him, not one defender marked him.

It was unforgivably sloppy, the product of poor concentration brought about by the Glas-

As one roof opens, another one shuts. While the sky is again the limit for Month of the sky is again the limit for Month of the sky is again the ceiling – the invisible, but very this season – except the two in are unbeaten in 36 league games -- but lost home and away

to Hamburg.
In Scotland, they stroll through every match except the Old Firm derby – and these rumbustious affairs are hardly preparation for European catand mouse. Having won eight titles in a row, and spent millions on foreign players, Rangers must wonder what more they can do to improve the team within its present confines. They will now redouble their efforts to create a British League, or а Енгореан опе.

Glenn Moore looks back at mixed fortunes this week for Europe's élite in the Champions' League

mestic opposition - until this season. But the Dutch game is not so different from the pan-European one, and the bulk of their players have had the benefit of playing together under the guise of the national side.

Now, however, they have been hit by the Bosman effect. Michael Reiziger, Edgar Davids, Finidi George and Nwanku Kanu were sold – the first two on free transfers - during the summer, Patrick Kluivert and Peter Hoekstra are

Ajax, too, have had little do- injured and the goals have dried up - just six in nine domestic and Champions' League games. Even then they could field five core members of the Dutch

Euro 96 side, plus Mark Overmars, Brazil's Marcio Santos and Jari Litmanen. Yet, bemoaned Ronald de Boer, "we started to play in an un-Ajax-like way, with the long ball". Ajax now meet Rangers, under the roof, on 16 October.

Europe's other aristocrats. Milan and Juventus, were happier. Milan, with Roberto

Baggio on the bench, crushed United's game on Wednesday. Rosenborg Trondheim away with the white-booted Marco Simone scoring three and making one. Juventus eased past Fenerbabce - though not without alarm, the Turks hitting the post late on.

The most impressive performers so far have been Porto, a side largely built by Bobby Robson before his summer move to Barcelona. Having won in Milan they dissected IFK Gothenburg on Wednesday, winning 2-1 but dominating the match. They are in line to face United in the quarter-finals - if United qualify. That looks more likely now than it did a fortnight ago. The swagger returned to

Restored to their customary shape, and willed on by Old Trafford, they had Rapid Vienna beaten inside half an hour. But there were still enough

nervous moments at the back to justify Alex Ferguson's continued pursuit of Miguel Angel Nadal. In attack Ole Gunnar Solskjaer missed too many chances - compare his strike rate to Alen Boksic. Yet the Norwegian is young, and learning fast. Ferguson admitted he has been a bonus. With a centreforward needed to bring the best from Cantona and his midfield cohorts, and Andy Cole as inept as ever, Solskjaer could have a crucial role to play.

"He has such quick feet," said Eric Cantona, adding: "he reminds me of Jean-Pierre Papin. It is important to have a player like that. The result in furin [the 1-0 loss to Juventus] was not good - but the performance was not as bad as some people have said. Tonight we showed we can play very well at this level. If we play like we know nobody can follow us."

Mais non, monsieur. What Wednesday actually showed was that United are extremely powerful at home - but we knew that. Now they must repeat Wednesday night's performance away - possibly without Roy Keane - in Istanbul, against

## Zurich but it was still surprising. In its wake Rangers, like Celtic, gow pair's domestic superiority. United closing in on Nadal deal

Barcelona last night appeared to leave the way clear for Manchester United to successfully conclude their pursuit of Miguel Angel Nadal, writes Gleun Moore. The Spanish international defender was left on the bench for their European Cup-Winners' Cup tie against Larnaca in Cyprus. Provided he does not come on as a substitute, he would still be available for

Champions' League matches. The Barcelona manager, Bobby Robson, speaking to The Independent from Cyprus, said: "He is in my [first choice] team but I did not want to play him in this match, then he is not cup-tied in terms of European

"He might go, but I do not want him to. He is very important to us, an outstanding player. I do not want to strengthen someone else's team and weaken mine," Robson then added, tellingly, "unless the money turns our heads.

"At the moment they [Manchester United] are offering reasonable money but we would rather have the player. He is even better than I thought. I knew he was a good player but when you work with someone you see their quality."

United have been chasing Nadal - who was outstanding against England in Euro 96 (until he missed the crucial ternational Tomas Brolin looks Football League.

penalty) for weeks. Spanish newspapers claim an original offer of £2.4m has been raised to heal his rift with the Premiership club. The 26-year-old's

Martin Edwards, the United chairman, said yesterday the onus was on Barcelona, while the player insisted he wanted to

Nadal would not be eligible to play in Europe until the spring - which is especially unfortunate in view of an ankle injury, sustained on Wednesday, which may rule Ronny Johnsen out for a month. There was better news of another United ankle, Phil Neville's, which has recovered enough from an operation for him to plan a comeback for the reserves on 5 October.

West Ham hope to complete the loan signing of Hugo Por-firio, who played for Portugal in Euro 96, from Sporting Lisbon

The Coventry City manager, Ron Atkinson, and his assistant Gordon Strachan have requested personal hearings to answer disrepute charges brought against them by the Football Association. Both demonstrated with officials following Chelsea's disputed first goal by the French sweeper, Frank Leboeuf, in last month's 2-0 defeat at Stamford

Leeds United's Swedish in-

agent, Lars Peterson, yesterday admitted Brolin could play for the club again following George Graham's appointment as manager. The £4.5m striker, who joined Leeds from Parma 10 months ago, fell from grace with the former Leeds manag-

er, Howard Wilkinson. Arsène Wenger, who offi-cially takes over as the Arsenal manager on Monday, hinted yesterday that George Weah, the Milan striker, is not on his shopping list. "If I decide to sign new people this season I would like to bring in young players of 22, 23 - something like that," Venger said.

The Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson, has dismissed claims that he played a weakened team in his side's Coca-Cola Cup tie at Hereford this week. Robson, reacting to the prospect of a Football League inquiry, said he would explain that some of his players were unavailable and he was not prepared to risk long-term in-

The Professional Footballers' Association will send out ballot forms to its Nationwide League members today seeking support for strike action over its televison income dispute with the

# Matteo's toil finally turns to fulfilment

Guy Hodgson on the Anfield defender whose tenacity has brought reward

It is probably fair to say that if October 1993, shortly after Liverpool had chosen to transfer Dominic Matteo during the summer, barely anyone in Merseyside would have been surprised or even cared too much. He was a nearly man, a player who had not fulfilled his promise, someone whose route to the first team seemed blocked by expensive buys and an extravagance of defensive riches.

Matteo, who was selected for Glen Hoddle's England squad for the World Cup qual-ifier against Poland on 9 October, was so surplus to Anfield requirements he made only five League appearances last season two of those occasions. Given that his manager, Roy Evans, is more loath than most to bring on substitutes, the implication

seemed obvious. Yet the Liverpool manage perceived qualities in the Dumfries-born player who is more likely to be seen in the Anfield sit than on the pitch. "He played in my first match [at Norwich in nental manner, yet when Mat-February 1994] and we waited and waited for him to mature." Evans said. "Last year we must have had 30 offers to take him on loan but we refused them all because we felt he had something he is now showing.

Matteo, whose mother and father are English and his grandparents Italian, moved to England early in his life and was spotted while he was at Christ the King School, Southport. He joined the staff as a teenager and apart from a short loan spell with Sunderland, where he played one game, he has been there since. "The staff here have been excellent to me," Matteo said yesterday. I owe it all to them. There was a time when I wondered where I was heading, but they told me to keep at it and it shows that, if you stick at things, it pays off. It was his keenness to toil and his unflappability which im-

blooding another youngster, est player who likes to go for-ward," he said of the young defender. "His whole approach to the game is refreshing.

Whether he would have gone stale in the reserves is a matter of conjecture, but he has been discovered this season almost by accident. A rash of injuries which have sidelined John Scales, Neil Ruddock, Rob Jones and Steve Harkness at various times gave the 6ft 1in 22-year-old defender his chance and a steady run in the first team as a stand-in sweeper has unand did not last 90 minutes on covered an authority that hitherto had been missing.

Indeed, his performance in the 5-1 rout of Chelsea on Saturday was possibly his best vet. Defensively, he was sound but what probably caught the watching Hoddle's eye was his part in Liverpool's second goal. Sweepers in England, to the napress box looking for a place to tional manager's regret, tend not to advance in the contiteo intercepted a pass from Franck Leboeuf he shot forward

like a midfield player. Normally, central defenders cannot get rid of the ball quickly enough in this situation - his colleague Phil Babb comes to mind in this context - but he waited until the last moment. drawing the opposition rearguard before releasing Patrik Berger. A moment earlier and the visitors might have recovcred, but the pass was timed to perfection and the Czech strikhad a free run on goal.

As Evans says, Matteo has to prove himself over a season, not just eight games, although Hoddle feels he has seen enough. "He's been in superb form. I've watched him three times and so has John Gorman. Every scout has come back with marks of nine out of ten." The England manager, rather than his Scotland or Italian counterpressed Graeme Souness, who gave Matteo his debut in Merseyside will cotton on, too.

## **Keane is Ireland doubt**

Roy Keane looks certain to cessive internationals through miss the Republic of Ireland's World Cup qualifying match against Macedonia at Lansdowne Road on 9 October.

Just minutes after the Republic's manager, Mick Mc-Carthy, had named Keane in his 20-man squad in Dublin, news filtered through that the midfielder had suffered a dead-leg during Manchester United's Champions' League victory over Rapid Vienna on Wednesday.

"It's a big disappointment for us. Roy was really looking forward to this game. He wanted to perform well and show what type of player he is at interna-tional level," McCarthy said. It has been a frustrating time

for Keane since being sent off when acting captain in the final minute of the 2-0 defeat by Russia in Dublin on 27 March. Since then he has missed eight suc-

suspension, injuries and a con-troversial decision to absent himself from the Republic's end-of-season friendlies. Brian McAllister has been

called up by Scotland for their World Cup qualifying group four matches in Latvia and Etstonia on 5 and 9 October. The uncapped Wimbledon defender once had to go to New Zealand to kick-start his career, but he has now forced his way into the World Cup plans of Scotland's coach, Craig Brown.

Another newcomer to the squad is the Aberdeen striker Billy Dodds, Britain's top scorer this season with 14 goals, and there was a recall for Paul Lambert, once of Motherwell but now playing in Germany for

Borussia Dortmund.

A pen-friend of Brown's in
England helped McAllister, the

German national coach, Berti Vogts, recommended Lambert: goals were enough for Dodds. Brown, who is without Everton's Duncan Ferguson but has named several players with fit-ness doubts - Stuart McCall, Ally

McCoist and Tosh McKinlay.



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THE INDEPENDENT SINDEPENDENT

## Maradona falls out with his talkative 'friends'

Argentina

Diego Maradona, as ever, is in the news. The fallen Argentine hero is now threatening legal ac-tion against some of the coaches, footballers and agents who agreed to be interviewed for the book *Hand of God*, which is a chronicle of his ever-contro-

versial career.
"The author [journalist Jimmy Burns] is really out of order," Maradona said this week in Spain, where he is continuing his drug rehabilitation\_"Those who have spoken about me in the book are going to get into real trouble." Among the contributors to the book attacked by Maradona are Cesar Menotti and Carlos Bilardo, the coaches of the Argentine teams that won the World Cup in 1978 and 1986. "I don't want them to speak in a book that does not say good things about me." Maradona said. "If these are my friends, I prefer to have enemies."

Back in Buenos Aires on Wednesday, an Argentine police drug squad raided Mara-dona's club, Boca Juniors, the Argentine Football Association offices, and a sports training centre where football match drug tests are examined.



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The records seized included those of the tests done two months ago on Maradema and a Deportivo Español player, Martin Vargas. There was an outery when Maradona was shown to be "clean" but Vargas was not. The sports newspaper El Grafico asked: "How can it be that Vargas tests positive while Maradona, who recognises he is an addict, does not?

Another former Argentine World Cup winner, Osvaldo Ardiles, is enjoying happier times. The former Tottenham and Newcastle manager is now coach of the Japanese club, Shimizu S-Pulse, and he guided

them to success in the Nabisco Cup (the J.League Cup) final on Wednesday with a penalty shoot-out win over Verdy Kawasaki, following a 3-3 draw af-ter extra time. "I was nervous throughout the match, in which we gave all we had," a happy Ardiles said.

**Portugal** 

Lisbon's Stadium of Light, which has a capacity of 120,000, drew a "crowd" of 300 for a Uefa Cup tie on Tucsday. The home team were not Benfica but Boavista, who had been banned by Uefa from using their own ground in Porto. They lost 2-1 to the Danish side, Odense, but progressed on the away-goals rule.

Cyprus

A referee had to flee a stadium in an ambulance after abandoning a match between Omonia Nicosia and Salamina Famagusta last weekend. Costas Kapitanis was attacked by fans incensed at his dismissal of an Omonia player, and jumped into an ambulance waiting to take a Salamina

Rupert Metcalf

## Diamonds draw some consolation at the gate

Non-League notebook RUPERT METCALF

Times have changed for both Rushden & Diamonds and Stevenage Borough. The latter's last visit to Nene Park was in 1984, when they lost 2-0 to 1rthlingborough Diamonds in a United Counties League fixture. On Tuesday. Stevenage returned to a much-changed stadium as defending champions and current leaders of the GM Vauxhall Conference.

John Ugbah's first-half goal ensured maximum points for Stevenage and maintained their two-point lead at the top of the table. Rushden, who have failed to live up to their pre-season tag of championship challengers, remain just one point clear of a relegation place. They will have been heartened by Tuesday's crowd of 3,288, the best of the season in the Conference, but dismayed by record signing Carl Alford's early dismissal for violent conduct.

Kidderminster Harriers claimed second place from Slough Town, who were held at home by Kettering, thanks to a 3-0 win at struggling Bath City, in which Lee Hughes, the goal of the season. After a hat-trick against Rushden last Saturday, Clive Walker, the former Chelsea forward, scored his fourth goal in two games for Woking in a 1-1 home draw against Dover, for whom David Leworthy struck his fourth goal against Woking this season.

Stalybridge Celtic, bottom of the Conference, yesterday named the former Northwich and Southport manager, Brian Kettle, as the new man in charge at Bower Fold. The former Liverpool full-back replaces Peter Wragg, who

resigned earlier this month. In the Icis League, the newly-promoted Essex side Heybridge Swifts beat Kingstonian 2-1 on Tuesday, thanks to a lastminute winner from Dave Matthews, to go level on points with Yeovil at the top of the Premier Division. In the other Conference feeders, Leek Town are five points clear at the top of the UniBond League while Gloucester City and Gresley Rovers share the leadership of

the Dr Martens League. Newport AFC, bottom of the Dr Martens Premier Division, sacked their manager, Graham Rogers, and his assistant. Linden Jones, on Monday. league's top scorer, hit his 10th Nigel Vaughan, the former

Newport County, Wolves and Wales midfielder, has been promoted from the playing ranks to take temporary charge at the

Gwent club.

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Newport can take a break from their league struggles when they visit Bath in the FA Cup second qualifying round tomorrow. Heybridge have what should be a hectic Essex derby at home to Chelmsford City, while Aldershot Town must make do without their latest recruit at Dover.

The Shots fielded Neil Webb. the former Nottingham Forest and England midfielder, in last weekend's 5-2 Icis League win over Whyteleafe. Webb turned out as a favour for Aldershot's manager Steve Wigley, once his team-mate at the City Ground, but he is seeking a return to League football and does not want to become Cup-tied. Webb joined the Shots after a short spell with Grimsby Town.

A memorial service will be held in Macclesfield this morning for Arthur Jones, who was chairman of Macclesfield Town when they won the Conference in 1995 and the FA Trophy last season. Jones, who was 50, was found dead at his business premises in the Cheshire town

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## Harrington has round of his life

Golf

ANDY FARRELL reports from Kill, Co Kildare

A typically Irish day at the Smurfit European Open. Sunshine, rainstorms, a gusting wind and clouds, the colour of the local black stuff, that proved more threatening than Open champion Tom Lehman or money list rivals Colin Montgomerie and Ian Woosnam. Niclas Fasth admitted to having a "slow summer", while teeto-taller Padraig Harrington won a year's supply of whiskey. Harrington, rolled in a 40-foot

putt on the 18th green (his ninth) for an eagle. Anyone with a three at the last earns two cases of Jameson Whiskey. Anyone scoring the rarity of an albatross wins the Jameson 1720 batross wins the Jameson 1720 five-man racing yacht, worth £25,000, currently anchored in the lake on the hole. Gary Clark thought he had when his approach shot rolled over the edge

Five birdies in addition to the eagle gave Harrington a sevenunder 65. Should that remain the new K Club course record, he will also receive the £3,000 Johnnie Walker award. "As the hall was travelling towards the hole," Harrington said of the putt at 18, "a big smile appeared on my caddie's face." John O'Reilly will appreciate the whiskey more than his boss. "He'll be getting his share, I don't drink at all. I may look as though I do, but I don't."

come close to breaking 70 on his course," he said. "Except when I shot 69 in the pro-am yesterday." A year ago, in his first pro-fessional event after playing in the winning GB&I Walker Cup team at Royal Porthcawl, Harrington shot a 77. The difference he puts down to being 30-40 yards longer off the tee. "I didn't change my swing to achieve this," he said. "I just changed my timing. And I tried to stop hitting it so hard."

Fasth, who finished a shot be-

hind the Irishman, concentrated his mind against the elements in the knowledge that only two tournaments remain after this for him to secure his tour card for next year. While Harrington is in the running with Raymond Russell and Thomas Bjorn for the rookie award, and Monty and Woosie are battling at the top of the money list, it is a different sto-

ry down in the lower reaches. Fasth needs to be in the top-115 on the money list, but is currently 147th, with £28,237, and has not made a cut, in eight at-

tempts, since June. Between them, Lehman, Woosnam and Montgomerie got little going yesterday. The first two returned 74s, Monty was one better

Four members of Europe's beaten Solheim Cup side shook off their woes in the opening round of the German Open in Hamburg yesterday. Scotland's' Dale Reid shot a 68 with Lisa Hackney, Joanne Morley and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi all on Just occasionally, he sounded as if he does. "I've never leader, Maria Hjorth, on 67.



Whip hand: A competitor takes the reins during the Prix St George at the British National Dressage Championships at Addington yesterday

Anni MacDonald-Hall looks all set for a return to the British team after filling the top two places, on Invincible and Intrepid, in yesterday's Prix St George at the British National Dressage Championships, writes Genevieve Murphy. Both are six-year-old Dutch-bred horses, whose wonderful pres-

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MacDonald-Hall had the desperate misfortune to lose her two top horses through colic in 1992. Since then she has

them right to the top.

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## MacDonald-Hall's top-class double

es and she has made a fine job of it with the help of her Dutch trainer, Bert Rutten.

It has not all been plain-sailing. Anyone who falls off a horse at Rutten's yard is expected to buy cakes all round and MacDonald-Hall reckons that the tradition has cost her

a small fortune.

scratch is now paying divi- Broadstone Warianka, and dends. Both horses are ex- Carl Hester, who took the Adpected to start grand prix contests next year - in good time to be considered for the 1998 World Equestrian Games in Ireland.

Further encouragement for the future of British dressage came from Ferdi Eilberg, who won the Medium Champi-However, starting from onship on the lovely mare,

vanced Medium on Donnersong. Hester is arguably the best dressage rider in the coun-

In terms of presence and power, Donnersong is the best horse he has ridden since Giorgione, with whom he managed a 16th place finish at the 1992

was a thoroughly recalcitrant youngster, but yesterday his natural exuberance was contained. "This was only his fifth show and he'd never seen flags or pots of flowers around an arena before, but he was real-

ly good," Hester said. Donnersong will start competing in grand prix in 1998 and Hester is determined to be in

the team for the Sydney Olympics in the year 2000 "come what may". On yesterday's showing, it could well be the best British dressage team ever seen.

BRITISH NATIONAL DIRESSAGE CHAMPION-SHIPS (Addington, Bucks): Prix St George: 1 Inventible (A MacDonaid-Holl) 69.81 per cent; 2 Integral (A MacDonaid-Holl) 67.07 per cent; 3 Keystone Favoriet (S Dovies) 66.09 per cent. Mediana Championathips: Broadstone Warsaria (F Elberg) 70.0 per cent; 2 Broadstone Warsaria (B Elberg) 68.92 per cent; 1 Jugal Democrat (C Hester) 68.22 per cent; 2 Legal Democrat (C Hester) 68.15 per cent; 2 Romy (P Hutton) 68.82 per cent; 3 Fernando (H Saberger) 68.89 per cent.

## **Britain's trepidation**

DAVE HADFIELD reports from Lae

It is no insult to a determined group of players 10 say that Great Britain are approaching the Test match against Papua New Guinea tomorrow with some trepidation, not knowing what to expect from either the opposition or the crowd. The ide named yesterday by Phil Larder, with its eight new Great Britain caps, is low on international experience and despite thorough preparation, uncertain of what awaits them here.

. Even in the heat and humidity of Papua New Guinea's second city, the Lions should win, but some of their younger players could be excused for fearing that if their opponents do not get them, the spectators will. Despite the entire police force of Mr. Hagen being drafted in for the first game on Vednesday, for instance, the rece, Tony Kuni, was still at-

tarted by an irate local official.

Lifthis volatility that makes tousing here such an adventure and which makes the experience invaluable. "I found it scary when I first came I find the take it in my stride." Denis Betts said. "Now and Bobbie Goulding

phere of the game in Papua gen in mid-week. New Guinea. Larder has had few qualms about giving two of them, the St Helens winger Joey Hayes and the Wigan prop Terry O Connor, their first taste of international rugby in these demanding circumstances.

Hayes, 20, has won a Test place after a long-term hamstring injury. His powerful, compact frame and speed off the mark make him the nearest thing to Jason Robinson that the Lions have on this tour and he will be expected to play a similar role to the absent Wigan wing by helping out his forwards in their own 25. O'Connor has been, in Larder's words, "the unsung hero of the Wigan pack". Whenever I speak to Wigan players they tell me he has been their most important forward," Larder said. "He might not alwavs be noticed, but he's always

there, giving 100 per cent." The others in the starting side who have never played in a Test for Great Britain are the Welsh pair, Iestyn Harris and Keiron Cunningham, and the Sheffield Eagles prop. Paul Broadbent. Three of the four substitutes are also new to Test rugby: Tony Smith, of Castleford, the Welsh forward, Rowland Phillips, and

are the only players in the start- the 19-year-old Paul Sculthorpe. ing line-up who have played a At the other end, the durable Test here and so much will de- Daryl Powell is in line to win his pend on how the newcomers 29th Great Britain cap after an cope with the unique atmos- outstanding display at Mt Ha-

The Papua New Gumea coach. Bob Bennett, brother of the illustrious Wayne Bennett of Brisbane Broncos, has also finalised his team. With four players, including the brilliant scrum-half and captain, Adrian Lam based in Australia and two. Hull KR's Stanley Gene and Markus Bai of Hull, in the side, the Kumuls have more international know-how than at

any stage in their history. Bennett is also drawing on the maximum bulk by fielding four players whose natural position is prop, including Raymond Karl, of Mendi, whose career was interrupted recently by an eight-month suspension for his role in a riot. Great Britain hope that neither he nor they will be involved in another tomorrow. PAPLIA NEW CLIINEA: Sio (Lae), Kors July PAP-UA NEW GUINEE: SO (136), Kops Ust Hageri), Ball (Hull), Tela (136), Goods (Nt Ha-geri, Gens Chai (RT), Lam (Sydney Cry), Karl (Mendi), Polylo (Carberra), Kundi (126), Westing (Carberra), Yor (Nenda), Mannar-do (Cenberra), Substitutes: Biso (Kundawa), Tari (Nt Hageri), Ruleg (Nendi), Batta (Port

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#### **Sweden** enters a third crew

STUART ALEXANDER

A third entry from Sweden and the fourth from Scandinavia for the 1997/98 Whithread Race was announced in Stockholm vesterday with the return of two veteran campaigners. Gunnar Krantz and Robert Nilsson.

Krantz will skipper and Nilsson navigate a £6.5m challenee. backed by Swedish Match in a move away from the rival Grand Mistral race. Krantz sailed as watch-leader for Nilsson on The Card in 1989/90, before going on to skipper Sweden's yacht in the 1992 America's Cup. He was alongside Nilson again in 1993/94 on Intrum Justitia before Lawrie Smith took over. Krantz later moved to Chris Dickson's Tokio. Smith now skippers Sweden's EF Education, which will have an all-female entry.

No decision has yet been aken on who will design and build his new yacht, Krantz said. "Most of the top syndicates are leaving it very late. We rave chosen to participate in the Whithread rather than the Grand Mistral because the Whithread offers the greatest sporting competition and the largest commercial potential benefits for our partners."

## French in the dock

Rugby Union

Welsh officials were yesterday studying videos before deciding whether to take any further action over several off-the-ball incidents during Wednesday's international against France

The Welsh stand-off. Neil Jenkins, claimed he was spat at by the French centre Richard Dourthé, who was also involved in a clash with his opposite mumber, Leigh Davies. The lock Olivier Merle was another Frenchman to be singled out by Welsh players after prop Christian Loader suffered a facial in-

jury in his side's 40-33 defeat. Wales are confident the international with Australia will go ahead at the National Stadium in Cardiff on 1 December. The Australians were considering pulling out of the game unless a fixture could also be arranged with England to complete a grand slam during their forthcoming tour.

The Welsh Rugby Union chairman, Vernon Pugh, said yesterday: "Australia have given no indication they won't be honouring the fixture."

The British Lions tour to South Africa next summer will go ahead despite the continuing row between the Rugby Football Union and the clubs. Ray Williams, chairman of the Four Home Unions Tours Com-

mittee, said the 13-match tour was still on when he helped unveil a major sponsorship and kit deal for the Lions in Cardiff yes-terday. "The Lions tour is definitely on - we are forging they will let ITV screen the comahead with all the necessary arrangements," he said.

The Lions coach. McGeechan, added: "I don't think the clubs have ever said players would not be available for internationals or the Lions. The chibs want the union to realise that the game has changed and they have to accept that. It is the unions, after all, who turned the game professional." Scott Hastings, Scotland's

most capped international who is aiming for a place on the Lions tour, yesterday suggested Scot-tish players, who like their Enghish counterparts have not signed contracts with their union, may do so soon. "We're very close, it could happen in the next week to 10 days," Hastings said at the launch of his autobiography.

Meanwhile McGeechan be-

lieves the Lions should start playing series against touring teams. "If teams like South Africa or New Zealand come here to play the four home nations then they should play a three-Test series against the British Lions afterwards," McGeechan said.

The new kit retains the traditional Lions jersey while incorporating the famous Adidas three-stripes hallmark.

The Heineken European Cup organisers, having lost ITV's £10m over the next two years, have said if they fail to find alternative broadcasting money petition for free. They have also said it has been reorganised to incorporate a quarter-final stage that ITV had wanted. That means the semi-finals will be put back to 4 January, when

the final was due to be played. The Coventry chairman, Ger-Sugrue, yesterday calmed fears that the Second Division club's decision to sign an agreement with an international development and investment corporation was a takeover. This is not a takeover, it is a welcome association," Sugrue said of a deal reportedly worth more than film with The Leander Group. "When the club issues shares to its members in the near future. Leander will become

resentative on the board." The tug of war for the services of the former All Black Franc Botica took a novel twist yesterday when Orrell named him in their side to play Wasps tomorrow - even though Llanelli are likely to name him to play Swansea, also tomorrow. Llanelli claim they have agreed a £75,000 transfer fee with Botica's League club Castleford, while Orrell say he is contracted to play for them

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### **Trojans** need all their spirit

Hockey BILL COLWILL

Slough, setting the pace in the Premier Division of the men's National League, travel to Southemoton on Sunday with an unchanged squad, following last week's 3-0 win against Balsam Leicester, but will be without John Shaw, their coach, who will be playing for Southgate. Promoted Trojans, who lost 2-1 at Doncaster, will be pressed to hold the powerful Slough machine, which really did not have

a weakness against Leicester. Michelle Robertson and Ann Bevan, the Welsh internationals, return to the Clifton side for their visit to Leicester but Rachel O'Bryan, injured against Australia last weekend in Cardiff, will be missing, Leicester have no injury problems.

Hightown, the champions who were fortunate to take full points against Clifton last week, entertain lpswich. With both sides expecting to be at full strength, this

should be top fixture. Newly promoted Olton made an impressive start in First Division and appear to have quickiv mastered the new "no off side" rule when they put seven past Blueharts last weekend. They visit Bradford Swithenbank.

#### Defaux closes the gap as Jalanert fades

ances Dufaux made a late challenge to the Tour of Spain leader Alex Zolle, with a superb win in yesterday's 19th stage from Getafe to Avila. The Swiss gained 55 seconds on his competriot and replaced the Freachmen Laurent Jalabert in second place overall, four minimum and 22 seconds behind Zollie with three days left.

Zone seemed unaffected by a stomach upset that has hit his ONCE team, but his colleague, Jalahert, was clearly unable to cope with the searing pace and lost more than 20 minutes. Dufaux would have gained

more ground but for the help given to Zülle by riders in the chasing pack, which angered Dufaux's Lotus team manager, Mignel Moreno. Dufaux, who showed his

strength yesterday by sprinting up the final hill into Avila, promised to attack again in today's stage. It could be his last chance because tomorrow's time trial is a Zülle speciality nd-Sunday's largely-flat closng section traditionally ends a sprint finish in Madrid.

### King wins the rights to Lewis title fight

To the surprise of many in the sport, Don King has outbid rival promoters to stage a contest between Lennox Lewis and Oliver McCall for the vacant World Boxing Council heavyweight championship, writes Ken Jones.

While nobody doubts King's financial clout in these matters it was thought more likely that the fight would be staged by Lewis's joint promoters. But when the purse bids were opened at the WBC offices in Mexico City yesterday King's offer was more than \$3m (£2m) better than that submitted by his main rival, Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney.

Lewis and McCall will share \$9.152m when the contest is staged, most probably in the United States later this year.

The WBC title passed from Lewis to McCall, who knocked him out at Wembley two years ago, and then to Frank Bruno, who outpointed McCall before losing it to Mike Tyson. Following court proceedings Lewis was confirmed as challenger but took \$4m for stepping aside so that Tyson could challenge Bruce Seidon for the World Boxing Association championship: Moorer v Frans Botha (IBF).

stake and Tyson gave it up after knocking out a hapless Seldon in one round. "I'm amazed that King bid so much money, Maloney said last night. "but I'm delighted that Lennox has got another massive pay day."

hours of non-stop boxing is planned by Sky Television for 9 November, half of it by a £9.95 pay-per-view subscription. ren's Manchester promotion,

onship show from the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas. h is Sky's second subscription venture, the last being Frank Bruno's WBC defence against Mike Tyson in March. Warren's promotion features Nigel Benn v Steve Collins (WBO supermiddleweight), Prince Nascem Hamed v Remigio Molina

The WBC title was not at Six world title fights in 10

Sky will first show three of the world title bours on Frank Warthen switch to pay-per-view for the triple heavyweight champi-

(WBO featherweight), and Ronald Wright v Ensley Bingham (WBO light-middleweight). King's bill has Mike Tyson v Evander Holyfield (WBA). Henry Akinwande v Alexander Zolkin (WBO) and Michael

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#### Badminton

have cruised through to the third round of men's doubles at the US Open in Ca-ifornia after easing past the American pairing of Kwok Da itsu and Anthony Mo-nammed 15-4, 15-3. And there was fur-ther British success in the women's doubles when the second seeds Joanne Goode and Julie Bradbury comfortably defeated Kara Solmundson and Anthea Poon, of Canada, 15-0, 15-5. Bradbury and Archer then teamed up in the sec-ond round of the mixed doubles, in which

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Oldham Beers look set to play all their Super League games and cup ties at Boundary Park next season. The club are planning to quit Watersheddings - their home for more than a century - and move in with their football neighbours, Oldham Athletic, pending the comple tion of a proposed new stadium.

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#### IN THE INDEPENDENT TOMORROW

Bobby Robson talks to Glenn Moore about life in Barcelona

# England recall caps Merson's recovery

Iwenty-two months ago, Paul Merson sat in the Queensborough room of the Park Court Hotel in West London and cried as he confessed to his trio of addictions. As he related a grim tale of alcohol, gambling and cocaine dependency, he allowed himself a moment to

dream of a brighter future. "My goal is to play for Eng-land again," he said on that dark December afternoon. Then he went off to a rehabilitation clinic. Three demons, rather than three lions, were on his

room, Glenn Hoddle welcomed Merson back into the England fold by including him in the squad to meet Poland, at Wembley, on 9 October. Sitting at the same dias Merson

"This is purely a football decision. It is not a sympathy vote, it has nothing to do with other things. Paul has come back this season. He is leaner than ever and playing extremely well."

Hoddle also called up Dominic Matteo, of Liverpool, for the first time. David Platt is recalled after injury, while Ian Wright's international hopes are resurrected with a place on the standby list. Tony Adams is omitted - Hoddle felt he was not fully fit and had enough to worry about at present.

Arsenal's other recovering alcoholic is substantially further along the road of recovery and a recall had been suggested. Merson, though, had not been relying on it. True, he was so nervous vesterday he went out to play tennis rather than listen to the radio or wait for the telebooked a holiday in New York for next weekend. "It was a surprise for Lorraine [his wife]." Merson said, "Now the surprise is that we are not going."

Now the raucous atmosphere of New York will have to be passed over for the calm of Bisham Abbey. Merson will not mind, it is his first involvement with England since he won the last of his 14 caps in Terry Venables' second match, the 5-0 win over Greece in May 1984.

People needs goals when they are going through hard times," Hoddle said of Merson's England ambitions. "I don't know if it is something you ever get over but he is certainly dealing with it at the moment.

After his confession Merson

**ENGLAND SQUAD** World Cup Group Two v Poland

ually picked up his game. He is fitter, and more consistent, than at any time in his career and is

Hoddle, who sees his best position as an offensive midfielder, said: "He is a great example

scoring goals - four already this

come out - though you probably feel better afterwards. Like Tony Adams, he is no longer liv-

"I have spoken to Tony about not picking him - but not about his drink problem. It is not the sort of thing you talk about on the phone. We will talk face-toface some time. A 100 per cent fit Tony Adams will certainly be to the fore of my mind but he is not fit yet and it would not be

will be deighted at his recall. even as a standby. The 32-yearold has not played for England the public eye, to show you can since being substituted against overcome it. It is a credit to him and the people who stood by Romania almost two years ago. him at the FA, at Arsenal, and Although he has 20 caps, he has tarely played a whole match. people no longer at Arsenal like Bruce Rioch and Stewart

"I'm interested in talent, not ," Hoddle said. "I tried to buy

I would not have done if I had thought he was over the hill." Hoddle admitted he had also

tried to sign Matteo, on loan, while manager at Swindon. He was rebuffed then. He may now reflect that being able to pick anyone he wants - as long as they are English - is one of the perks of being national coach. That is, as long as their club judges them to be fit. Darren Anderton and Steve Stone are

already missing, injured, from the last squad. Some of this one fair on him or his club." Adams' team-mate, Wright, will be after the weekend cull. That is why, having dismissed the idea of standby players before the trip to Moldova, Hoddie has chosen eight of them. "I'm learning fast," he said.
The squad will meet up on

Tuesday. Hoddle will then have a week with them - unlike Venables he does not intend to him for Chelsea last year which

allow them to go home for the weekend. "Once they are there," he said with a steely eye. "they are on international duty. Richie Humphreys of Sheff-

ield Wednesday has won a callup to the England Under-21 squad. The 18-year-old striker scored three goals in the tast four games of the season. He joined by Liverpool's Day Thompson, a 19-year-old w has been elevated from Under-18 side. James Scown of Ipswich and Nigel Quas of Queen's Park Rangers are other newcomers

## United's approach points the way ahead in Europe



pain on the night. Shrewd fight-

formances in Europe this week?

In real terms I do not believe

Howard Wilkinson, the former Leeds manager, analyses the problems British teams have faced this week

Helsingborgs on the away-goals football nitch, what ensues can be likened to a boxing match. For rule, confused patience with each contestant the aim is the persistence, pace and penetration. There is a difference besame: "victory without pain". Parallels are numerous. tween patience and possession. Patience is a state of mind; it is Preparation is a big factor. The wise old trainer knows that when not a way to pass the ball. Vilyou train there is pain, but betla had to play to win, but their patient play lacked pace and penetration. Villa's back door reter to have pain in training than

rs don't fight to train, they train mained firmly locked, but unong and hard for the fight. fortunately so did the Swedes'. European football can be Manchester United, on the eavyweight stuff. Muhammad other hand, got it just about right against Rapid Vienna, Ali and Frank Bruno were both ve, noble and gifted expoway. In that time they played to nents of their trade, but the good Muhammad would be my man win; their combination of patience, persistence, pace and on European Cup fight night, forever floating like a butterfly, penetration created a tempo to frequently stinging like a bee. the game which threw the Aus-So what of British clubs' pertrians into a state of mental and

physical disarray. In the last half hour we saw why the Austrians had won their league. United then had to show that, at times, it is important that you play not to lose. This they did.

They also showed that British can be best. The mental and physical aggression so necessary to survive in many Premiership encounters is a characteristic rarely encountered by foreign players, and we would do well to remember this. Our players are products of

their environment, and an ex-

Aston Villa, who went out to amination of the greenhouse in which they are force-grown will provide nearly all the answers to the questions our game faces.

Our football is universally seen as sportsmanlike, highly attractive, exciting, passionate, never short on incident, but naīve. Domestically we enjoy and are therefore used to highrisk football. Giving the ball away cheaply is no big problem if you know you will get it back quickly. The desire to see action and incident in and around the penalty areas has always the game.

Many managers have toyed

with the idea of changing the public's perception of what is 'good football", but few have ever achieved this. Liverpool still have perhaps the most knowledgeable group of supporters. It is a knowledge built and sustained over many years

of European success. Nottingham Forest's fans dislayed similar patience, mostby dint of Brian Clough's domineering personality. Manchester United are moving down that same road, but their fans will not be really convinced until their team has finally pulled off the big one. Outside these shores, clubs

play European football week in, week out. Their league, cup and

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Greek character breaks law



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer (left) celebrates with Eric Cantona after scoring Manchester United's first goal on Wednesday

international football is all European. Every team plays that way and, just as importantly, so

do their opponents. Time is crucial, as Euro 96 roved. The summer provided the time and opportunity for English players to relearn and their performances proved that the so-called "gulf" is perhaps more of a "gap". Unfortunately periods of enlightenment such as this are only temporary; the last thing we learn is gen-

erally the first thing we forget. Time spent failing offered Liverpool that same opportunity. Don't forget, their early unsuccessful sorties in Europe provoked criticism just as vehement as any provoked by today's failures. Forest - or rather Clough - didn't give a damn and played that way, like it or lump it. Forest won, so they liked it. Manchester United will get there, I am sure, but it will continue to be a quest that brings oc-casional frustration and failures.

If we are to write a new song

the environment, and that means changing the system. Youngsters must continue to benefit from the new regulations which allow clubs greater access at even younger ages, but they

must have even more access. There must be more investment. The number and quality of coaches working with children has to rise. The number of games played by our best players must be reduced at all levels, thus allowing more time for their technical and tactical development. Youth development should start

at eight and end at 21. Technical and tactical development should be a never-ending pursuit for excellence. no matter what the player's age, pedigree or reputation. At Milan they play basketball once a week, with qualified basketball coaches. Basketball has physical and physiological benefits for footballers and tactically is a very sophisticated game, offering great benefits to the think-

Of course the influx of the

very best foreign players will help, but they will change more than we will Signor Vialli will not have been at the end of too many 5-1 defeats during his time in Italy, so "when in London"...

If we are to look at foreign influences, better we look at systems rather than individuals. The Dutch, and Ajax in particular, seem to have developed the knack of producing good players. But take the good Dutch players out of the good Dutch teams and the teams are not so good

any more. Euro 96 showed that. The Germans, on the other hand, seem to get it right in all ways. The strength of a nation's football is judged by the achieveand, in Europe, they are second to none. June saw them bring the worst bunch ever to England, yet with serious injury problems they did it again. Moreover they are always so damned lucky. But then, as Gary Player remarked after luckily holing out from a bunker yet again: "The more I practise, the luckier I get.

Little lambasts critics

Brian Little, the Aston Villa It's easy to say these things af-manager, has replied to critics, ter the match. You have to stick manager, has replied to critics, such as Alan Hansen and Chris Waddle, the television pundits who censured his side's performance in their Uefa Cup defeat by Helsingborgs, the Swedish club. Hansen and Waddle led the television and media criticism after Villa went out on the away goals rule, having being held to a 0-0 draw in Sweden.

Little said: "If we had played that game on another day, Dwight Yorke would have got the penalty we thought we had and Alan Wright's shot would have gone in instead of hitting the bar. Helsingborgs wouldn't have come back from that and we would have gone through. But when I hear the so-called experts on television say that we should change the system - a system which has brought us a lot of success - then I know we

"What would have happened if I had changed things about and we had still not gone through? Then I would have singling people out, but we been criticised for changing it. didn't win those matches

to what you believe in and I did what I thought was right. It's easy to say what you should and

shouldn't do after the event." Little hinted that the hectic nature of the domestic programme also reduces the opportunities to change the way a side can play. "If I had three weeks to get ready for a game, instead of three days, then I could, perhaps, prepare the players to change things around," he said. "I could get the lads together and go

through things with them - but it just doesn't work like that." Little also refused to attribute any blame for Villa's exit to the strikers. Yorke and Savo Milosevic, who are struggling to reproduce the form that produced 39 goals between them last season. "We win and lose matches as a team." Little said. "We were winning against Arsenal 2-0 and winning at

Chelsea and drew 1-1, I'm not

because we lost goals. We also lost a goal at Villa Park against

Helsinghorgs. That was the rea-son we didn't go 'hrough." The Celtic striker Jorge Cadete is out of tomorrow's Old Firm derby against Rangers at Ibrox. The Portuguese international suffered a hamstring problem in Tuesday's Ucfa Cup exit against Hamburg in Germany and misses what would have been his first Glasgow derly,

"Jorge won't make it and that is a big disappointment to us as we really wanted him for this one," the Celtic manager, Tommy Burns, said.

Celtic also have slight worries over Pierre Van Hooijdonk and Andreas Thom, although is would be a r shock if either of them was ruled out. Cadete was controversially deemed incligible for the final Old Firm derby of last season, the Tennents Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden in April which Rangers won 2-1. Simon Donnelly is one candidate to step up, although Burns has other options.

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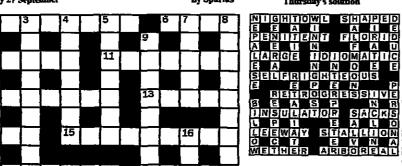
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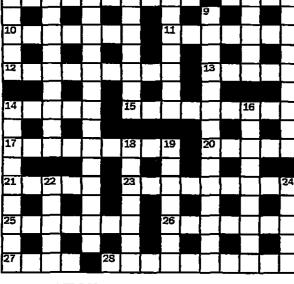
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